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The Daily Reflector

Before his family bought *The Daily Reflector* and he moved to Greenville last year, John Kent Cooke Jr. had published the only daily paper in the Florida Keys, the 10,000-circulation *Key West Citizen*, for nine years. I suppose that may explain why he looks more like Jimmy Buffett than Ben Bradlee.

He's in a rumpled blue shirt, slacks and loafers when I drop by his office, and our conversation soon turns to the nuts and bolts of the publishing business. I was expecting he would be like his media mogul grandfather, the late Jack Kent Cooke, but Cooke Jr. strikes me as a low-key business person and the kind of publisher every editor wants: A solid citizen who works hard to sell ads and stands behind his reporters. I recall reading that he waged a successful First Amendment battle against the president of the community college in Key West after it pulled its advertising over some critical stories the paper published. Cooke put principle before profit. When I ask how the *Reflector* is doing these days, he doesn't respond with a P&L statement. He says finances are improving and the paper, which had to shed several positions at the height of the recession, may soon be able to add a reporter.

Cooke says he's been made to feel welcome by town and gown and mentions that Ann and Terry Holland have been especially considerate. He's attended all the campus events he's been invited to, he says, and hopes to become more involved when he has time. Besides the *Reflector*, the Cookes bought the *Rocky Mount Telegram*, the *Daily Advance* of Elizabeth City and 10 weekly papers in eastern North Carolina. He has a full plate.

He speaks highly of the Whichards, who owned the *Reflector* for 125 years. He says the college scholarships they started, and were maintained by Cox Communications when it owned the *Reflector*, are continuing.

Leaving, I walk down the hall and drop by Al Clark's office. Back in the mid 1970s, Al and I had our first newspaper jobs at the *Hickory Daily Record*. As of this summer Al's been editing the *Reflector* for 20 years. Al says Cooke comes to most staff meetings and is interested in local news but stays out of editorial decisions.

The *Reflector* is a good newspaper because it always has had a strong publisher and smart writers. It still feels odd that a Whichard isn't running the paper now, or even the company the Whichards originally sold to, but their heritage appears intact.

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The 1961 East Carolinian staff, **front row**, Jim Kirkland, Jane Ipock, Marcell Vogel, Mollie Lewis. **Back row**, Merle Summers, Richard Boyd, Jim Stingley, Jane Kivette

MY COACH STAS STORY

As a student at ECU from 1960 until I graduated, I was sports editor of *The East Carolinian* and also student sports information director. I recall Coach Stasivich joining two co-workers and myself in the fall of 1962 for a 6:30 a.m. breakfast. He had been hired the day before as the head football coach. He introduced himself as the new janitor and just swept the gym floor before joining us. I was allowed in his meetings and had the same privileges as his football players. He would tell people I was his field goal kicker to get me a meal.

—Richard Boyd '64, Dante, Va.

ONE EDITOR TO ANOTHER

As the fortunate recipient of *East*, I commend you on a superb publication. I have no connection with the university, but receive *East*, I believe, because several years ago I made a contribution in the names of two alumni who died. As a magazine editor myself, I appreciate the work that goes into such an interesting publication as this one. Thanks for the pleasure of reading it!

—Kay Orde

Editor, *The National Culinary Review*
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MORE ON PHI KAPPA ALPHA

We chartered Phi Kappa Alpha on May 17, 1948. For the last several years, PKA has been the highest fundraiser (philanthropy) and either No. 1 or No. 2 in scholarship,

intramurals and many other endeavors. They have won the Chancellor's Cup most years since 2002 or 2003. Thanks for a great magazine. I look forward to the next issue.

—Fred Robertson '60, Greensboro

ANOTHER MISS NORTH CAROLINA

Editor's Note: In a brief item in the Winter 2009 issue, we noted that it was the 50th anniversary of the crowning of East Carolina freshman Betty Lane Evens '58 as Miss North Carolina. The article said six other students have since served as Miss North Carolina or Miss North Carolina USA: Anita Johnson in 1969, Patsy Gail Wood in 1971, Mary Rudroff, also in 1971 (a year when ECU students simultaneously held the competing crowns), Monica Polumbo in 2001 (chosen Miss Congeniality at the Miss USA pageant), and Dana Reason in 2003. That prompted a letter from Margaret Daniel Gafford '79 of Vista, Calif., saying the list omitted Lynn Williford '79, who was Miss North Carolina 1981. Now, another reader says there's an eighth East Carolina student who wore the crown. Harriet Loretta



Stone Swing '59 writes, briefly, from Fayetteville with this update: "For your information, ECC student Joan Melton (left) was Miss North Carolina 1956." We checked. She was. Are there others?

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What's new for Fall?

New elevators ease Move-In Day

A busy summer of construction has altered many corners of campus, but none of the improvements probably will be appreciated as much by parents on Move In Day on Aug. 18—usually the hottest day of the summer—than the new elevators in Scott Hall. After a year's renovation, the residence hall on College Hill is reopening with three elevators that can carry students and their luggage to the upper floors.

After the \$28.5 million project, Scott Hall looks much the same on the outside but is totally new inside. Over the past year the 40-year-old structure was gutted, expanded and reconfigured into four-person rather than eight-person suites. A new wing added on the back makes Scott the largest dorm on campus, capable of housing 613 students.

Other dorms also received attention over the summer. All the bathrooms were renovated in Fletcher Residence Hall while it, Garrett and Aycock received new sprinkler systems. Tyler Residence Hall was in the first phase of a two-summer project. This summer, rooms on floors 5–9 were renovated. Next summer, floors 1–4 will receive the same updates.

Students also will discover a renovated Wright Place beside the bookstore with an updated food court and the first Starbucks on campus. The food court, where about 2,500 students eat on a typical day, also features a Burger Studio, Sbarro's Pizza and Einstein Bros. Bagels. The Starbucks will have an outdoor patio.

The old Croatan is gone and construction is nearing completion on a twice-as-large facility on the same spot housing an expanded Chick-fil-A and a Chili's Too. The

new \$8.5 million Croatan, which should open by the end of the year, will be the first LEED-certified building on campus, designed with environmental sustainability in mind. Bricks used in the project were reclaimed from an old tobacco warehouse.

On the Health Sciences Campus, the new 110,000-square-foot, \$36.8 million Family Medicine Center is taking shape and should open early next year. Brody School of Medicine students will train in primary care there. The larger facility means Brody faculty will be able to treat greater numbers of patients.

A small growth in the freshman class and more returning students may push East Carolina's total fall enrollment over 28,000, officials said. About 4,120 freshmen had been accepted, paid deposits and attended summer orientation. That compares with 3,963 last



year, when total enrollment was 27,654. With Scott Hall back in service the university did not expect to have to place students in off-campus apartments, as it did in years past when fewer dorm rooms were available.

Elsewhere around campus:

Better e-mail system: This fall students are completing a migration to an improved e-mail system that allows them to send and receive attachments up to 20 megabytes in size, 10 gigabytes of mailbox storage and a new chat feature that allows conversations with up to 20 friends at a time. The switch to a Microsoft Outlook-based system also gives all students more personalized e-mail addresses based on their last name.

Summer reading: All incoming freshmen were encouraged to read *The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2009*, a compilation of fiction, nonfiction, essays and other writings produced by Dave Eggers and students from his nonprofit writing center in San Francisco. Eggers is best known for his 2000 memoir, *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*. The book will be used in many classes this fall, including introductory English 1100.

Dental school name: East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine will be the official name of ECU's new dental school, and it will offer the doctor of dental medicine (DMD) degree instead of the doctor of dental surgery (DDS) degree, as many older schools do, although the degrees are equivalent. The school has begun accepting applications for admission in the fall of 2011.

New SGA officers

A veteran leader takes charge of the SGA this fall with a mission to rekindle campus interest in student government. Tremayne Smith of Salisbury, who served as SGA treasurer last year as well as the high-stepping drum major with the Marching Pirates, was elected president during spring elections.



Serving with him will be Vice President Josh Martinkovic of Charlotte, Treasurer Josh Davis of Rocky Mount, and Secretary Kristina Dortschy of Charlotte. The four ran as a slate and were unopposed, thought to be the first time that has occurred. "We will be doing a lot to get students engaged," Smith said. "I will be going out and talking to student organizations to let them know the SGA cares about

them. I will be doing town hall-type meetings in the dorms and other places. We will be out visiting the ROTC students every Friday morning at 6 a.m. to be involved with those students. We've just revamped the SGA web site (www.ecu.edu/sga) and I will be doing a weekly radio program." Smith said the SGA also hopes to mount a mission trip to Haiti in coming months.

Budget better than feared

Campuses across the UNC system breathed a sign of relief when the General Assembly adopted a new state budget that doesn't cut as deeply as many feared while continuing to fund higher education's three priorities—money for need-based financial aid, enrollment growth and money to open several new buildings. However, tuition at all the campuses will rise, by \$633 over two years at ECU, by \$750 at UNC Chapel Hill and N.C. State.

Overall, the state's \$2.6 billion higher education budget was cut by \$70 million, about half of some projections, a result that departing system President Erskine Bowles called "nothing short of remarkable." The legislature gave campuses leeway to make up some of that shortfall by raising tuition by up to \$750 on top of other tuition increases already adopted for this year.

Three years of state budget cuts have slashed \$575 million and 900 jobs from the 16-campus public university system. This year, campuses were given the option of phasing in a tuition hike of up to \$750 over two years and most chose to impose it all for 2010–11, citing the urgent need for as much new revenue as possible. ECU asked for, and Bowles approved, a \$390 increase this year and a \$233 bump next year on top of the \$200 rise last year.

On the bright side, the new state budget restores \$24 million in building reserves



Among the most noticeable changes on campus this fall are new softball stadium and other Olympic sports facilities taking shape near the football stadium. Sitting adjacent to and looking much like the Clark-LeClair baseball stadium, the softball complex will have 1,000 seats. Work is beginning on a new venue for track and field, which will go between the softball stadium and Charles Boulevard. A new soccer field will be installed behind the ball fields, and a 20,000-square-foot building housing the Olympic sports program will rise in the center. The \$38 million program to improve nonrevenue sports facilities should be completed in two years. The improvements are being funded with higher student fees.

taken away last year, money that will pay for operating costs of 40 new or renovated buildings across the UNC system. At ECU, that means the Family Medicine Center now will be able to open early next

year. A separate \$6 million appropriation will keep the dental school on track to open next fall.

The budget reduces the annual state aid to UNC Hospitals for providing indigent care by \$8 million to \$36 million. ECU received \$2 million in recurring funds to pay for some of the indigent care provided by BSOM but was denied a request for an additional \$3 million for other indigent care costs.

The budget repeals the out-of-state athletic full scholarship tuition waiver for all UNC campuses, which had cost the state \$9 million a year. ECU athletics officials estimate the change will cost the university more than \$1 million.

A SEMESTER AT EAST CAROLINA NOW COSTS			
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Undergraduate N.C. resident	\$2,491	\$2,881	\$3,144
Undergraduate nonresident	13,325	14,955	14,955
Graduate N.C. resident	2,995	3,130	3,517
Graduate nonresident	13,311	13,817	14,204
Brody School of Medicine	8,213	9,497	9,497

New EC Scholars named

Eleven incoming freshmen were named the EC Scholars Class of 2014 and will receive scholarships worth \$45,000 covering four years of tuition plus a stipend for study abroad. EC Scholars is the flagship merit scholarship program awarded by the university. Ten to 12 incoming freshmen are selected each year from a highly competitive group of applicants who possess strong academic qualifications, intellectual curiosity, leadership abilities and a commitment to civic engagement. In this year's class:

Sarah Gurganus of Blounts Creek, a graduate of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics; **Hannah Potter** of Marshville, a graduate of Forest Hills High School; **Rachel Pollard** of Washington, D.C., a graduate of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics; **Sandra Ross** of Newton Grove, a graduate from South Johnston High School; **Megan Mehaffey** of Clyde, a graduate of Tuscola High School; **Mary Sanderson** of Tarboro, a graduate of Tarboro High School; **Megan Corn** of Drexel, a graduate of Jimmy C. Draughn High School; **Kofi Monney** of Greenville, a graduate of J.H. Rose High School; **Jessica Chirico** of Havelock, a graduate of Havelock High School; **Taylor Lawless** of Grimesland, a graduate of D.H. Conley High School; and **Kevin Kearney** of Hampstead, a graduate of Topsail High School.

EC Scholars participate in classroom, campus and community activities that foster their intellectual curiosity, personal leadership, and an appreciation of global issues. The students live during their first year in the Honors residence hall and participate in the University Honors College. During their second year, the scholars focus on creating and implementing a civic engagement project; in their third year, the focus is on personal leadership development. Fourth-year scholars complete a Senior Capstone Project in their major discipline. Projects vary from research theses to juried recitals or shows to supervised field experiences.



Wanting to emphasize a “come together” theme for the year, Faculty Senate chair Marianna Walker and other officers staged this photo—a takeoff on the Beatles’ famous *Abbey Road* album cover—to be shown during the fall faculty convocation. From left the faculty officers for the new school year are parliamentarian Brenda Killingsworth, an associate professor of management information systems; secretary Hunt McKinnon, an associate physics professor; vice chair Mark Sprague, an assistant professor of interior design and merchandising; and Walker, an associate professor of communication sciences and disorders. The faculty convocation will be Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Faculties back free access

The faculties of East Carolina’s two libraries are joining a growing trend among academics who believe that published research should be available free to the public whenever possible.

The faculties of ECU’s Academic Library Services and Laupus Health Sciences have resolved to make their published research available for free when possible, a move that puts them among a growing number of academic units and colleges.

“The benefit to academic and the wider public is certainly significant,” said Joseph Thomas, head of collection development for Academic Library Services, the division that operates Joyner Library. “University authors publish precisely in order to share their research, and open-access publishing helps them reach the widest audience.”

The resolution adopted by Academic Library Services and Laupus Health Sciences applies to scholarly works authored or co-authored while faculty are employed at either of the libraries.

Some studies indicate that articles in so-

called “open-access” journals—those freely available on the web—have greater impact than scholarly publications that require fees, Thomas said. Faculty, students and the public already have free online access to research funded by the National Institutes of Health, and pending federal legislation would require more government agencies to give free access to published research they fund.

University faculties that have adopted similar resolutions include Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Oberlin College, University of Kansas, University of Virginia and, most recently, Duke University. Seven other UNC system schools have repositories of faculty-authored works.

ECU has offered access to freely available journals through the library catalog and E-Journal Portal since at least 2006, Thomas said. One successful peer-reviewed open access journal is edited and published here at ECU: the *Journal of Curriculum and Instruction*, which recently received accolades from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

—Karen Shugart

Brody students get mentors

East Carolina's mission of training family doctors to serve the region got a boost with a \$1.2 million grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation that will pay existing GPs to mentor students going into family medicine. The foundation's grant to the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians will benefit students at all four medical schools in the state, but of the first group of 11 students chosen for the program, five are enrolled at the Brody School of Medicine.

"This grant... is the most significant response to the growing need for family physicians from the health care industry I have seen," said Dr. Dean Patton, a professor of family medicine and director of the medical student education division at ECU. "This grant has the potential to make [ECU] an even more significant player in meeting the critical health care needs of our region."

"We are already faced with a national shortage of primary care physicians, and the recently passed health care reform legislation will mean an increase in the number of folks seeking care," said Brad Wilson, chairman of the BCBSNC Foundation. "We hope that through this initiative, North Carolina medical students will receive the help and incentive they need to make a commitment to family medicine."

The grant supports the establishment of the Family Medicine Interest and Scholars Program, a two-tiered effort to help increase the number of North Carolina-trained medical students who elect family medicine residency programs and go on to practice in the state.

"With the urgent need for more primary care physicians, we are proud to support a program that will have a real impact on this state," said Kathy Higgins, president of the BCBSNC Foundation. "Identifying students early who are interested in a career in family medicine and helping them reach that goal will in turn benefit communities all across North Carolina."

Cliff Hollis



Dr. Elizabeth Fry, left, is mentoring ECU medical student Kelley Haven.

The program will pair medical students with family physicians in clinical practice settings. These physician mentors will work with students for three consecutive years to strengthen skills, offer guidance and help fast-track their health care training and experience. Students who participate in the scholars program will also receive additional exposure to family medicine throughout their schooling, including additional clinical experiences, and will have the opportunity to access scholarship funding if they ultimately enter a family medicine residency program. The program aims to increase the percentage of medical students who commit to a residency in family medicine by about 30 percent.

"It is fitting that an effort to support students

in making the commitment to be family physicians has such strong representation from ECU," Higgins said. "The Brody School of Medicine is at the forefront of this issue, and its standing as the second-leading producer of family physicians in the country is a testament to the faculty, administration and students and an unending commitment to advancing high-quality primary care."

"This is an investment in the future of primary care in our state. What makes this program so special is the relationships being formed between promising medical students and North Carolina's leading family physicians—relationships that will result in the next generation of dedicated, innovative family physicians."

—Doug Boyd

Cliff Hollis

ECU is No. 2 in family doctors

Of the 141 medical schools in the United States, the Brody School of Medicine ranks second in graduates entering primary care medicine and seventh nationally for its overall mission of serving the health care needs of rural, often minority populations, according to research published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Almost 52 percent of BSOM graduates are practicing family medicine and more than a third of them are working in underserved communities.

The rankings come as medical schools are under increasing pressure to graduate more primary care doctors as national health care reform laws go into effect that will extend insurance coverage to an estimated 32 million more Americans. Accomplishing that is hard because primary care doctors usually earn less than surgeons and other specialists. Moreover, schools like ECU that focus on family medicine receive a fraction of federal research dollars.

The study by George Washington University scientists looked at the 60,431 physicians in active practice who graduated between 1999 and 2001 to determine what and where they

are now practicing. The study examined three criteria: How many primary care doctors each of the 141 medical schools produced; how many of those doctors are working in rural or poor communities that have trouble attracting caregivers; and how many ethnic minorities the schools trained.

Broadly, the higher-ranked schools tended to be public universities like ECU that historically have served rural or minority populations. The lower-ranked schools in the study tended to be private schools and others focused on producing surgeons and other specialists.

Ranking 141 U.S. medical schools on:	ECU	UNC-CH	Wake Forest	Duke
Overall social mission	7	57	109	124
Producing primary care doctors	2	95	89	136
Placing doctors in communities with shortages	26	80	90	82
Recruiting racial minorities	41	27	102	53

“Some schools may choose other priorities [than graduating family doctors], but in this time of national reconsideration, it seems appropriate that all schools examine their educational commitment regarding the service needs of their states and the nation,” the study concluded. “A diverse, equitably distributed physician workforce with a strong primary care base is essential to achieve quality health care that is accessible and affordable.”

BSOM expands early admission

The Brody School of Medicine will guarantee admission to two top students at both UNC Pembroke and N.C. A&T State University as East Carolina expands a 10-year-old program to identify bright students who might become family doctors practicing in underserved regions of the state. Research shows that students coming from rural areas and minority populations are more inclined to return home after medical school to practice family medicine.

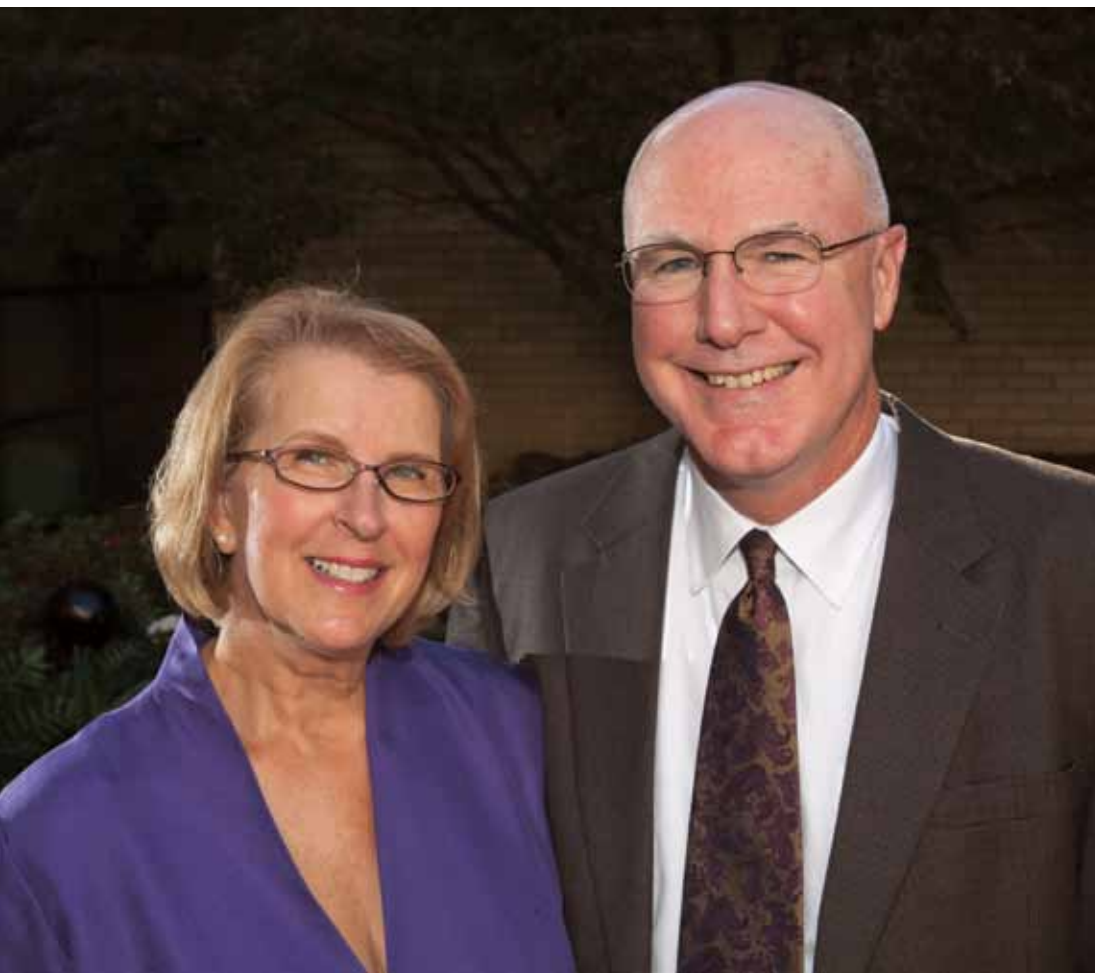
For 10 years, BSOM has offered guaranteed admission to select high school seniors competing for the EC Scholars program, the university's top undergraduate scholarship. Each year, four are selected to receive early assurance, which means if they maintain

a 3.5 GPA and remain North Carolina residents they will be automatically admitted to medical school after college.

Since the program began, 15 early assurance scholars have graduated from BSOM. “It’s been an unqualified success,” said Dr. James Peden, associate dean of admissions at the Brody School of Medicine. “Generally speaking, the early assurance scholars have been among the best students in the school.”

Although funding was in doubt until the last moment, the General Assembly appropriated about \$2 million to equip ECU’s new Family Medicine Center, which will allow it to open as scheduled this fall. Built at a cost of \$36.8 million, the facility has more than 60 exam rooms, a pharmacy, a laboratory and a geriatric center.





Cliff Hollis

Couple's gift endows oncology professorship

In the largest gift ever given to the university by a faculty member, Dr. Paul Walker and his wife, Kathryn, donated \$500,000 to expand the strengths and raise awareness of the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center while also hoping to spark greater community support for the center.

Walker, an associate professor at the Brody School of Medicine and director of the thoracic oncology clinic, made the gift to the ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation to be used to fund an endowed professorship in oncology and support research by faculty members.

The gift was announced at an ECU Board of Trustees meeting by Mark Tipton, who noted that he had been treated at the Jenkins Cancer Center.

Of the amount, \$333,000 will draw a state match of \$167,000 to fund the professorship. The rest will serve as seed grants to jump-start promising research so scientists can collect data and subsequently apply for larger grants.

The faculty member who holds the professorship will be called the Paul R. and Kathryn M. Hettinger Walker Distinguished Professor of Clinical Oncology.

"I firmly think there are a lot of strengths here," Paul Walker said. "I believe there's a lot of growth that can be accomplished. I'm committed to building a program, and that's very exciting. Kathy and I both know, and we want everyone to know, that the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center provides the best cancer care east of I-95 and very honestly a person is

not going to get better cancer care anywhere."

Walker came to ECU about five years ago from Indiana in the prime of his career in private practice. His focus on oncology stems from the deaths of his father from colon cancer and a brother-in-law from brain cancer. That helped him see what cancer patients and their families go through, and he responded to his calling.

Since Walker arrived at ECU, the number of patients being cared for in his thoracic oncology clinic has doubled. The clinic saw more than 200 new patients in fiscal year 2008–09, and the number is rising. Among the new approaches to care he's working on is one that involves radiation oncologists and changes the timing of chemotherapy and radiation to target tumors when they are most vulnerable.

—Doug Boyd

News Briefs

Grants awarded: The Department of Health Education and Promotion was awarded a \$269,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to address high-risk alcohol use among college students. The grant will support Project CEO, a partnership between the College of Education, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and Pitt County Schools.

COB accredited: The College of Business received a formal six-year accreditation extension from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-International (AACSB), the premier accrediting agency of collegiate business schools and accounting programs worldwide. The College of Business has been continuously accredited since 1967 and is one of only two institutions in North Carolina—and only 120 worldwide—that have been continually accredited since 1967 or before. Meanwhile, ECU's online MBA program was again ranked third in the nation for cost, quality and credibility by GetEducated.com.



Alumnae talk money: The third annual **Women's Roundtable** will be held Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville with an agenda focused on financial issues. Opening remarks will be delivered by Jean Chatzky, financial editor of NBC's Today Show. The luncheon speaker will be



Jeanne Robertson

humorist Jeanne Robertson. The event concludes with the recognition of five outstanding alumnae and remarks by BB&T CEO and board chairman Kelly King '70 '71.

Dail House plans shelved

Plans to refurbish or replace the chancellor's residence have been put on hold while the university works with the Tar River University Neighborhood Association (TRUNA) to develop a vision statement for Fifth Street. Trustees Chairman David Brody said recent talks with TRUNA about neighborhood quality of life have been productive. "I believe there are a lot of initiatives that we could undertake... that would help the neighborhood and the university," Brody said at the board's July meeting. "We have to find a way to stop the deterioration of the neighborhood that is just behind Fifth Street," said trustee Bob Greczyn. Brody said many students who live in the area deal with landlords who are letting properties fall into disrepair. The discussion of future plans for the chancellor's residence has drawn fire from some who are critical of the university for considering an upgrade to the residence while students face tuition increases.

—*Greenville Daily Reflector*

Huge apartment complex rises

An Ohio company that bought the crime-ridden Kings Arms Apartments and surrounding property at the eastern fringe

of campus has begun demolishing it and some adjacent structures in order to build an upscale student-housing complex. The \$40 million project by Edwards Communities Development Co. covers 16 acres between 10th and 14th streets, extending from Charles Boulevard to Green Mill Run at the edge of campus. The complex, called The Province, will include nine three-story buildings, a maintenance building and a swimming pool. The complex will include 244 units and 729 beds configured in one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom units that will be marketed to ECU students.

The Green Mill Run apartments off 12th Street and four private residences near there also were acquired by Edwards and will be demolished. A part of the parking lot for the Masonic Lodge also was acquired. By adopting an urban core overlay zoning district for the property, the Greenville City Council give Edwards more flexibility on

street setbacks and other restrictions. "It's a good way to encourage redevelopment in this area," said attorney Phil Dixon '71, who is representing the developer. Several acres will be set aside as a riparian buffer.

Kings Arms, which was in bankruptcy and was purchased by Edwards from a failed bank, has been the site of 319 police calls in the last two years, including one murder-rape and multiple reports of gunshots fired and armed robberies, authorities said. The last residents vacated the premises in July.

Steve Simonetti, vice president of land acquisition and development for Edwards, said his company has developed student housing projects at eight universities and has several others under development, including the one here and another at UNC Greensboro. All of them offer fitness centers, a clubhouse with theater, tanning beds, large pools, volleyball courts and outdoor grills.



East Carolina awarded 3,396 diplomas at its 101st spring commencement, including 67 doctors of medicine and 54 doctors of philosophy. Dorothy Spruill Redford, an extensive lecturer on African-American genealogy, antebellum history and slavery's legacy, was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree. She is the retired manager of Somerset Place in Creswell.

UNC schools jointly issue bonds

East Carolina and three other UNC system campuses are working together to issue \$74.6 million in pooled bonds for pay for campus improvements, a cooperative effort that reduces costs. A pooled issue, because of its larger size, presents an attractive offering for institutional investors, often resulting in lower interest rates and improved bond insurance rates. A pooled issue also reduces staff time required of each individual institution by eliminating duplicative work. Additionally, the fixed costs of issuing bonds are spread among all participants, resulting in savings through economies of scale. The UNC Board of Governors, which approved the joint request, will issue the bonds and then distribute the money as follows: Appalachian State University, \$9 million for a residence hall renovation and \$8 million in improvements to Kidd Brewer Stadium; East Carolina, \$18.2 million in improvements to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium; UNC Charlotte, \$4.4 million to install residence hall sprinklers; and, UNC Wilmington, \$35 million for expansion of the student recreation center. This is the 11th time since 1998 that various UNC campuses have worked together on bond issues to save taxpayer money.

Institute moves to ECU

The Institute of Outdoor Drama (IOD), a public service agency based at UNC Chapel Hill since 1963, is moving to East Carolina with a mandate from the General Assembly with a mandate from the General Assembly to become financially independent in one year. A provision transferring the institute from Chapel Hill to Greenville was tucked in the new state budget. Institute manager Susan D. Phillips said she is the only IOD person relocating; she said the institute's only other employee, director Robert Fox, returned to a position at UNC Chapel Hill.

An efficiency study two years ago identified dozens of institutes and centers across the UNC system as targets of budget cuts. Phillips said the IOD had no state budget



support last fiscal year and survived on fees and its trust fund. A one-time state appropriation of \$150,000 will maintain the institute after its move to ECU but no further funding is planned. The IOD mostly relies on donations and receives some fees for training and services provided to the 13 outdoor dramas in North Carolina. It also serves as a national clearinghouse for a total of 101 theatre companies in 36 other states. Phillips said she is focusing on plans to increase revenue. She said moving to East Carolina, with its respected theatre program, was her first choice.

Closely associated with playwright Paul Green and the 1937 founding of *The Lost Colony* at Manteo, the institute has been governed by an administrative board composed of UNC Chapel Hill faculty

and an advisory council that includes Bill Friday, the actors Andy Griffith and Michael Learned, playwright Romulus Linney, New York costume designer William Ivey Long and *Back Stage* editor Sherry Eaker.

Since the curtain first rose on *The Lost Colony*, what's now called the modern American epic drama movement has grown nationwide to about 38 historical dramas, eight religious dramas, 35 musical theatre productions, 51 Shakespeare festivals producing 105 Shakespeare plays, 32 non-musical productions and nine children's shows. IOD research indicates that these dramas are an important tourism draw for many rural communities, employing 5,000 people with an annual economic impact of about \$500 million.

Defense Department salutes ECU

The Department of Defense honored East Carolina with the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award for 2010, the highest recognition given by the United States to employers for their outstanding support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. ECU was one of only 15 entities nationwide to receive the award out of 2,500 nominated.

“We believe strongly in our partnership with the military, and it is one of our most important contributions to eastern North Carolina,” said Chancellor Steve Ballard. “Our faculty and staff make a positive difference in educational programs, research and clinical services for the military. Perhaps more importantly, we are proud of the positive climate of support that exists throughout ECU towards those who serve our country.”

Nominating East Carolina for the award was Paul J. Schenarts, director of the general surgery residency program and associate professor of surgery at the Brody School of Medicine. He also serves as a lieutenant

colonel in the Army Reserve as a field trauma surgeon.

Guard and Reserve members and their families from across the country nominated employers for the Freedom Award based on exceptional support that includes providing full salary, continuation of benefits, care packages and even family support to employees fulfilling their military obligation. On behalf of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, a National Selection Board including senior defense officials, business leaders and prior Freedom Award recipients selected the 2010 honorees.

The Department of Defense noted that East Carolina, which was named a “2010 Military-Friendly School” by *GI Jobs* magazine, maintains an office at Fort Bragg to educate service members about academic programs available to enrich their careers and service experience. ECU employees also support their deployed coworkers by sending care packages and checking in on the families left behind during deployments. ECU offers a series of one-day workshops, “Essential Life Skills for Military Families,” that equip

Guard and Reserve service members and their families with family-readiness tools to use during deployment.

“ECU is serious about its motto ‘to serve,’ and we take special care to support those who serve in the defense of this nation,” said Steve Duncan, ECU director of military programs. “We are especially proud that ECU carries the banner for North Carolina higher education in regard to supporting the military, since North Carolina is home to the third-largest concentration of service members in the nation.”

Since the award’s introduction in 1996, only 130 companies have been presented the Freedom Award. ECU is the only university in North Carolina and the second higher-education institution in the country to win the honor.

The Freedom Award will be officially presented to East Carolina during a Sept. 23 ceremony at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

—Spaine Stephens



THE ECU REPORT

CASE awards ECU fundraising

East Carolina University’s increasing strength in fundraising has been recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

ECU was recognized as a winner of the organization’s WealthEngine Award for Educational Fundraising. Through the award, ECU was named to the Circle of Excellence in the categories of Overall Improvement in Fundraising and Sustained Excellence for Fundraising.

Notably, ECU is one of only two universities in the country to receive the Sustained Excellence Award. This award recognizes those institutions that have received CASE-WealthEngine Awards for Educational Fundraising in either Overall Performance or Overall Improvement in three of the last five years.

“This recognition is a tribute to the dedication, hard work and commitment of our many volunteer leaders, staff and most of all our generous donors,” said Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Michael Dowdy.

This annual award is given to institutions that show consistent growth in fund-raising



programs, as calculated by three years of data submitted to the Council for Aid to Education’s annual Voluntary Support of Education Survey and the National Association of Independent Schools.

Participants for this award are judged on criteria including the pattern of growth in total support, overall breadth in program areas, pattern of growth in each program area,

pattern of donor growth among alumni and individual donors, impact of the 12 largest gifts on total support, total support in relation to the alumni base and the type of institution.

“This award for Overall Improvement is proof of the growing level of support we receive from the Pirate Nation,” Dowdy said. “ECU has grown a great deal over the past three years, and our donors, friends and

PIRATE CLUB GROWTH

	Regular Members	Student Pirate Club	Total Members	Annual Fund*
2005	6,345	2,834	9,179	\$ 3,418,052
2006	7,131	2,859	9,900	3,873,652
2007	8,168	4,422	12,590	4,834,017
2008	8,395	5,136	13,531	5,125,701
2009	7,759	7,768	15,627	5,198,947

*unrestricted contributions

Note: Over the same period, the Pirate Club also raised \$3,689,153 for student-athlete scholarships, \$5,182,126 for facility upgrades and \$1,328,350 for other facility enhancements.

EAST CAROLINA TIMELINE

100 YEARS AGO



Its towering chimney belching coal smoke dominates the campus. In his report Wright says “all of our electric current is generated by one unit. For five days per week the generator is in use 24 hours per day. This strain is too great for any machine. An additional unit should be provided.” Trustees agree. The original power plant chimney stands on the mall until 1976.

More power, please

With one school year’s experience under his belt, plus a summer school session, President Robert Wright sits down in the fall of 1910 to compile a list of needed campus improvements to recommend to trustees. Most pressing is an expansion of the “power house” so the campus will have electricity on weekends. Built adjacent to the Old Cafeteria Building just a year before, the power plant mainly serves the kitchen and the laundry.

75 YEARS AGO



More culture for campus

The toast of the Moulin Rouge in Paris and the Royal Opera Theatre of Madrid comes to Greenville in October 1935 with a performance by the “Queen of the Castanets,” Antonia Merce, the flamenco dancer known universally as La Argentina. She is on her sixth and what proves to be her final world tour when she performs in Old Austin Auditorium as part of the school’s effort to provide more cultural opportunities for students. A friend of Pablo Picasso, La Argentina causes a stir when she arrives here with an entourage, a huge wardrobe, her own accompanist (the then-unknown Carlos Montoya) and a sensuous dancing style that shocks the school’s new conservative president, Leon Meadows. Eight months later, La Argentina dies suddenly in France when told that Franco had invaded her adopted home of Madrid to start the Spanish Civil War.

alumni have stepped up to help provide some of the financial support needed by faculty and students as we manage this growth. The CASE-WealthEngine Award is a wonderful recognition of increased private support and its powerful impact on our university.”

Dowdy emphasized that winning the award would not have been possible without the hard work of the dedicated individuals working with University Advancement and those who have supported the university through the years.

CASE’s main mission is to help educational institutions and the professionals who work in those institutions in advancement areas such as alumni relations, communications, development and marketing. CASE strives to aid these professionals with creating stronger relationships with their donors, raising funds for campus projects, producing recruitment materials and fostering public support of education.

WealthEngine, the sponsor of the award, is the leading wealth research services firm for nonprofit organizations and financial-services companies. The company gathers data in order to help marketers and development professional improve their fundraising, up-selling and cross-selling strategies.

—Meagan Williford



Old yearbooks now online

East Carolina continues to digitize many of its historic documents and put them online for the public to read. In the latest project, ECU digitized most of its yearbooks from 1923 to 1979 and put them online. That project was a joint effort by the N.C. Digital Heritage Center and five UNC campuses. To look at the old East Carolina yearbooks, go to digitalnc.org/collections/north-carolina-college-and-university-yearbooks. Also at the site are old yearbooks from UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro, Elizabeth City State and Appalachian State. ECU’s next next project involves digitizing the school’s oldest publication, the *Training School Quarterly*. It was published from 1914 to 1923, a period that covers the critical first decade of the school.

50 YEARS AGO



Donna’s destruction

Coastal residents spend three anxious days boarding up and tying down as Hurricane Donna spins up from Florida, but few are prepared for the pounding inflicted the afternoon of Sept. 12, 1960. Winds on the Outer Banks are clocked at 120 mph, with an eight-foot storm surge that flattens hundreds of beach houses and the Waterside Theatre, home of *The Lost Colony*. The slow-moving storm

makes landfall at Bogue Inlet and causes major damage in New Bern and to the waterfront in Washington (photo). It skirts Greenville on its way to Elizabeth City, claiming eight lives. Today Donna ranks as the state’s fourth-worst hurricane and the only storm ever to inflict hurricane-force winds from Florida to Maine. After Donna, another major hurricane doesn’t strike North Carolina until Hugo in 1989.

25 YEARS AGO



After State, a stumble

Just like today, East Carolina opens the 1985 football season with a new head coach—former Florida State assistant Art Baker—who installs a new offense, the freeze option. Fans who had sat through the 2-9 ‘84 disaster are reluctant to get excited, especially given that the team faces a grueling schedule, with games against N.C. State, Penn State, Miami (for Homecoming), South Carolina, Auburn and LSU. But in the season-opener the Pirates pull off a shocking 33-14 win over State in Raleigh before 58,300. With a second victory against Southwest Texas State under its belt, the Pirates travel to Penn State and play well before a crowd of 84,266, take the lead in the third quarter but fumble five times and lose, 17-10. But then the freeze option freezes up and the defense disappears as East Carolina drops its next six games, limping to what is now a familiar 2-9 finish.

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U N I V E R S I T Y L I F E



Thomas D. Raedeke, associate professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, is the ECU recipient of this year's UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, which comes with a \$7,500 award. **Phil Dixon '71**, a member of the UNC Board of Governors, presented the award, which recognizes distinguished teaching by a tenured faculty member. Raedeke, who joined the faculty in 1998, received the UNC Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award in 2006, the ECU Award for Outstanding Teaching in 2005 and the East Carolina Scholar-Teacher Award in 2004. ECU recipients of the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Awards were **Shanaz Aziz**, Department of Psychology; **Shanan Gibson**, Department of Management; **Kim Larson**, Department of Undergraduate Nursing Science; **Gary Levine**, Department of Family Medicine; **Katherine O'Connor**, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; and **John Stiller**, Department of Biology.



Susan Beck-Frazier '79 '89 '05 was appointed associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication after serving on an interim basis. She joined the music education faculty in 2005. She becomes the college's liaison

for Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness, SEDONA and academic integrity. She also will be responsible for summer school programs.



O. Hayden Griffin Jr. was named chair of the Department of Engineering in the College of Technology and Computer Science. He comes from Virginia Tech, where he taught since 1985 in the College of Engineering. Most recently he was head of the Department of Engineering Education. He replaces Paul Kauffmann, who returns to teaching. Griffin holds bachelor and master degrees in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University and a doctorate in engineering mechanics from Virginia Tech. Meanwhile, **Leslie Pagliari** and **Evelyn Brown** were named associate deans for the College of Technology and Computer Science.



Three new department chairs will be in place this fall at the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. **Jeffrey Johnson** (left), former professor of English at Northern Illinois University, is the new chair of the Department of English. **Gerry Prokopowicz** (center), who had served as interim chair of the Department of History, continues as the full chair. **Johannes Hattingh** (right), professor and graduate director of mathematics at Georgia State University, will serve as the new chair of Harriot College's Department of Mathematics.

Ronald Perkin, professor and chair of pediatrics at the Brody School of Medicine, received the second annual Brody Women

Faculty Advocacy Award for his work to promote, encourage and implement policies aimed at the professional development of women faculty and/or students. During his 10 years at the medical school, he has hired 40 women faculty members, promoted many women faculty members, supported research by women faculty and has encouraged women faculty members to pursue leadership positions within the school.



John Fletcher is the new associate provost for enrollment services. He comes to ECU after serving in similar roles at Auburn for many years. He received his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and his doctorate from Auburn.

William Meggs, a professor of emergency medicine and chief of toxicology at the Brody School of Medicine since 1988, received the Research Award from the American College of Medical Toxicology for contributions to toxicology research. Meggs was the first researcher to report that chronic exposure to low levels of an organophosphate insecticide could induce obesity. He also is author of *The Inflammation Cure*, a book that examines how lifestyle modifications can reduce harmful inflammatory processes in the body.

Faculty members inducted into the campus chapter of Phi Kappa Phi include **Brad Lockerbie**, chair of the Department of Political Science; **Linda Patriarca**, dean of the College of Education; **James Peden**, associate dean for admissions and professor in the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatric Medicine; **John Pender**, assistant professor; and **David White**, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science.

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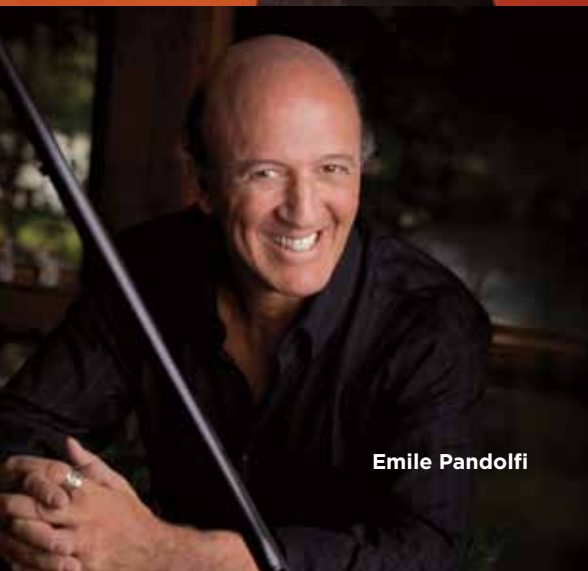
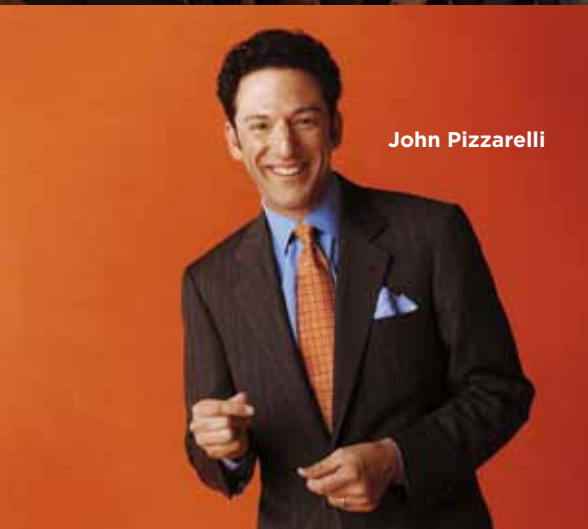
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Lily Tomlin

S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series

This year's SRAPAS programs start Friday, Sept. 24, with an appearance by the **Takacs Quartet**, who will perform Schubert's *Quartettsatz in C-minor* and Haydn's *Quartet Op. 71, No. 3*, as well as Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* quartet (*No. 14 in D-minor*).

The **John Pizzarelli Quartet**, led by jazz singer and guitarist John Pizzarelli, will perform Friday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Pianist **Emile Pandolfi**, who merges popular standards and Broadway songs with classical styling, will perform Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. All three concerts are at Wright Auditorium.

Lily Tomlin will bring her many characters to Wright Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. The multitasking performer made her first television appearance in 1965, joined *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In* in 1969 and was a *Saturday Night Live* cast member for several years. It was on *SNL* that she created some of her most memorable characters, such as Ernestine, the telephone operator, and Edith Ann, the grumpy 5-year-old who sits in an oversized rocking chair. Among her many awards: a Tony Award in 1986 for best actress in a play for *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*; a Grammy Award in 1972 for best

comedy album for *This Is a Recording*; three Emmy Awards for outstanding writing for comedy, variety or music special for *Lily* (1974), *Lily Tomlin* (1976) and *The Paul Simon Special* (1978); and one Emmy Award in 1981 for outstanding variety, music or comedy series for *Lily: Sold Out*. She also received a special Tony Award for lifetime achievement in 1977. Tomlin was the recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in 2003. And in 2009, she received Fenway Health's Dr. Susan M. Love Award for her contributions to women's health. More recently she has appeared in *The West Wing* and *Desperate Housewives* television series.

Fall Arts Calendar

Chamber Music

The 11th season of the **Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival** will begin with opening concerts Sept. 9-10, and the first of two "Next Generation" concerts, which will include ECU faculty members and students, at least one ECU graduate and the Daedalus String Quartet as guest performers, is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 14.

Theatre

The ECU Loessin Playhouse starts its 2010-11 season with **Orpheus Descending**, a Tennessee Williams drama, which will run Sept. 30-Oct. 5 at McGinnis Theatre. This 1957 play is Williams' retelling of the Orpheus legend, in which a guitar-playing drifter comes into a small Southern town marked by conformity, gossip and violence.

The Playhouse's first musical of the season will be **Brigadoon**, Lerner and Loewe's popular Broadway hit from 1947. The play, to be staged Nov. 18-23, tells the unusual story of a town in Scotland that appears for only one day every 100 years.

Individual tickets go on sale Sept. 1. Individual tickets are \$15 for musicals, \$12 for nonmusicals for adults; \$10 for ECU students and those 18 and under.

ECU's annual **Family Fare** theatrical season will begin Friday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. with a performance of **Mad Science Presents 'CSI: Live.'** This is a stage production for younger audiences based on the popular television series.

Two weeks later, on Oct. 29, the first **Storybook Theatre** production will present **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**, based on the ever-popular Washington Irving story, and on Friday, Nov. 12, Family Fare sponsors a production of **Zorro!** by the **Birmingham Children's Theatre** in Alabama. The play is based on the 1919 novella by Johnston McCulley and focuses on Hispanic culture and history related to founding the missions in California.

Opera

The **ECU Opera Theatre** will stage Benjamin Britten's **A Midsummer Night's Dream** Oct. 21, 22 and 24. The opera, first performed 50 years ago at the Aldeburgh Festival, has a libretto adapted by Peter Pears and the composer from William Shakespeare's play.

Student ensembles

The **ECU Symphony Orchestra** is planning three concerts on campus and one in Goldsboro during the fall 2010 semester. The year will begin Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium with three examples of orchestral fireworks: Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*, Robert Schumann's *Concertpiece in F*, and Peter Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4 in F-minor*, Op. 36. The program will be repeated Sept. 26 at the Paramount Theatre in Goldsboro.

The **ECU Chamber Singers** will present a program Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the **St. Cecilia Singers**, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Ward, will present a concert Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Film

The organizers of the annual SRAPAS programs have announced a new partnership with the ECU School of Art and Design that will bring productions of the **Southern Circuit Film Festival**, the nation's only regional tour of independent filmmakers, to campus. Details were being worked out this summer for programs Tuesday, Sept. 14; Thursday, Oct. 7; and Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Books and authors

Several notable literary figures will converge on campus Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18, for the seventh annual **Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming**.



The keynote speaker is **Josephine Humphreys** of Charleston, S.C., whose fourth book, *Nowhere Else on Earth*, a historically accurate tale of the Lumbee tribe during the Civil War, won the 2001 Southern Book Award. The event kicks off Friday evening, Sept. 17, with presentation of the Roberts Award for Literary Inspiration to Nancy Olson, owner of Quail Ridge Books & Music in Raleigh. An author's luncheon on Saturday features **Pamela Duncan**, a Western Carolina University professor and author of three books, one of which won the 2003 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction. Several workshops and interactive sessions later Saturday will feature several authors with eastern North Carolina ties, including **Jim Grimsley**, a native of Rocky Mount; and Lumberton native **Jill McCorkle**, who has had five books on *The New York Times* Notable Books list. **Michael Malone** of Hillsborough, the author of nine novels who has taught at Yale, is among a number of other notable speakers. The workshops, which will be held in Joyner Library, are free and open to the public, except the author's luncheon, in Mendenhall Student Center, which costs \$15. For more information, call 252-328-2771 or register online at www.ecu.edu/lithomecoming.

—Steve Row



Sea Hunt

It's the kids with a little Indiana Jones in them who study archaeology here and then stay for a master's degree in maritime studies. They seem to gravitate to East Carolina, which is one of only four U.S. schools capable of producing that rare breed of scientist, the underwater archaeologist.





Bradley Rodgers and grad student Katie Cousineau measure and map timbers from an ancient ship's hull at Corolla.

When a winter storm exposed the wooden skeleton of an ancient ship in the surf near Corolla, state officials called ECU maritime studies professors for help identifying the vessel. Their onsite research discovered that it's likely the oldest ship ever found in North Carolina, dating from the early 1600s.

The methods the professors and students employed to identify and date the wreck illustrate how archaeologists answer questions that written history never will. Learning what trees produced the timbers narrowed its origin most likely to England. The hull was largely held together with wooden fasteners known as trunnels, and the framing of the ship was made of compass



timbers—trees with a curve that more easily fit together to support a ship's hull. A coin stamped 1603 was found nearby. To the ECU researchers, these clues indicate the ship probably was constructed in England before 1650 and was

used in early commerce with the Jamestown colony.

If the age of the shipwreck was startling, it was no surprise that East Carolina's program in maritime studies was equipped to help solve this archaeological riddle. When it began in 1981

it was only the second program of its kind in the nation, a bold course of study for a largely unplumbed discipline. It's still distinctive: now there are just four offering the degrees. This master's program has garnered international accolades for the breadth of its research and its global reach. Students and faculty have mapped shipwrecks in the Atlantic and Pacific, investigated sunken vessels in Bermuda, recovered ancient canoes from coastal rivers, and analyzed artifacts from a 17th-century warship in Sweden. When students complete the program, they are fully trained archaeologists ready to share discoveries with the world and preserve them for the future.

Just add water

As part of the university's Department of History, maritime studies focuses on seminal events in history like wars, migrations and cultural shifts. But whereas historians focus on written records, maritime studies students examine how these events occurred. Usually they occurred on boats, which for most of history has been humanity's only way of covering large distances. From the hollowed-out tree trunks employed by Native

Americans, to the sophisticated galleons used to bring settlers to the New World, human history has been made on the water. Much of that history now lies hidden beneath it.

That's why maritime studies students spend so much time there. During twice-yearly field seasons, they head out to the rivers, lakes and ocean beds that hold the shipwrecks they will investigate. "Diving is simply our office sometimes," says Bradley Rodgers '85, a professor in the program who specializes

in nautical archaeology. "It can be an ugly office—it's not all Club Med."

By way of illustration, he says, he once gave honorary recognition to students with the most leeches after a dive in Bertie County's Cashie River. Exploring the remains of a 19th-century pole boat in the Tar River, Rodgers had an unexpected visitor. Peering through the murky water, "I realized a 4-foot long snake was wriggling past my face." Sometimes, he adds, "while we're in the

river, the bears are watching us. There's never a dull moment."

Before they can dive, students must complete the Scientific Diver Course through the American Academy of Underwater Sciences. ECU offers this course through its office of Diving and Underwater Safety and insists on rigorous training with zero tolerance for mistakes. Air tanks and breathing equipment must be in perfect shape. Students learn how to work under water as a team, knowing that on some dives it may be impossible to see your hand in front of your face. "We all depend on each other for our lives," says Larry Babits, program director. "Everybody has to be made exquisitely aware of how dangerous it can be diving on these wrecks. If it's a metal ship, the whole thing is dangerous. It has rusted, sharp edges. Glass can rip you right open."

"At the same time you have to get your job done," he says, adding, "You can't put others at risk by something you do."

Their work often involves sketching a wreck as it lies on the ocean floor, measuring it from stem to stern, or as much of it as

remains, and pinpointing the location of interesting features. Next comes thorough examination and usually, excavation. Each area is drawn in detail, and it's often tedious work that requires an immense deal of concentration. If someone finds a spoon lodged behind a cabinet door, or a clump of rusted iron, known as concretion, it's marked. If items are retrieved, they must be carefully preserved until they can begin conservation.

"Everything is complicated," Rodgers says, and that's especially true for dives in water offering only limited visibility, like coastal rivers or turbid tidal zones. Just to see what they're touching, they use plastic bags filled with clear water and glow sticks to illuminate features in the murk.

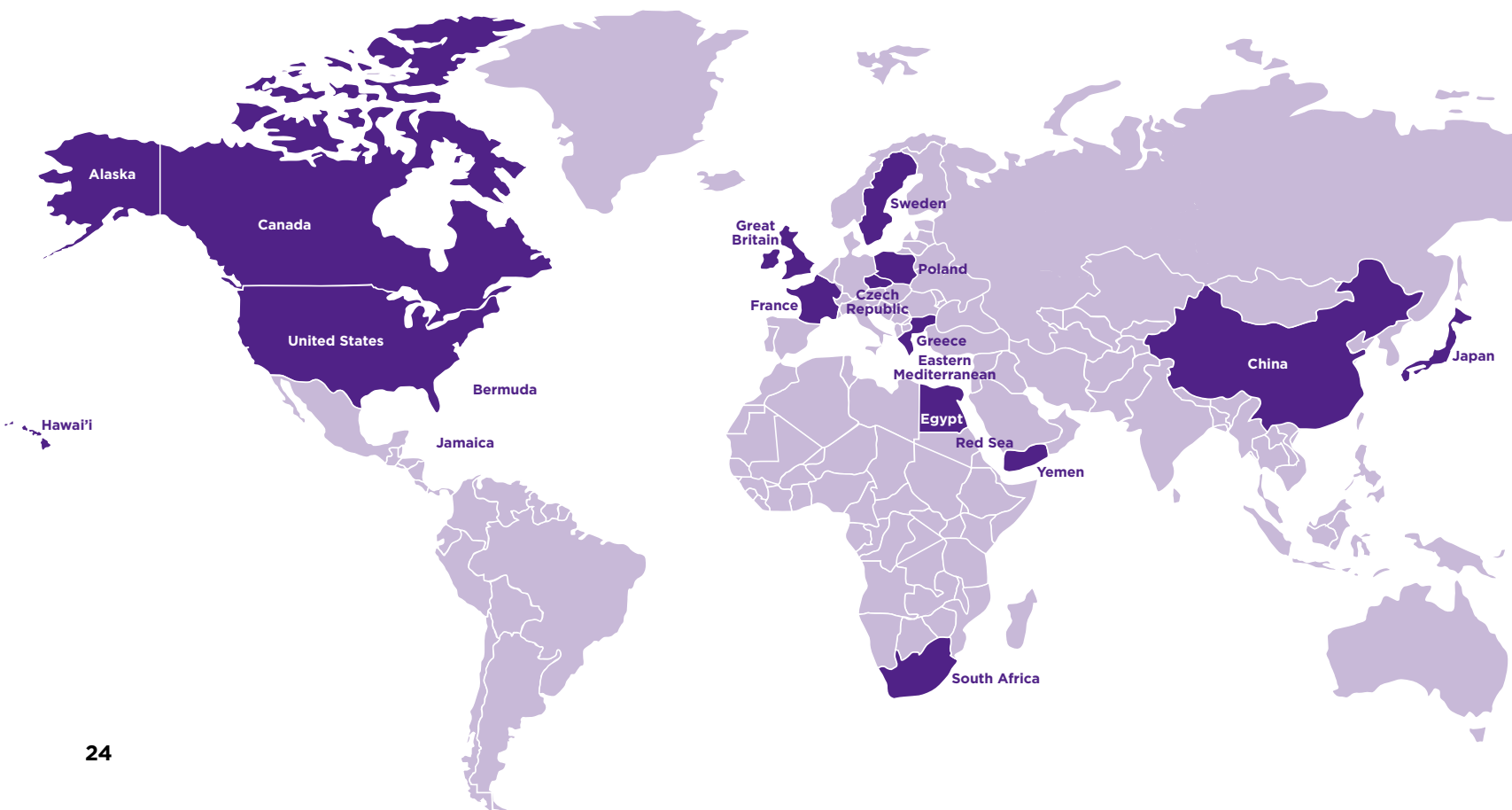
Ships as history

Traditional historians work from written documents, but they don't tell the whole story, says Gerald J. Prokopowicz, chair of the Department of History. "There are populations who didn't record what they did, either because they felt what they were

doing was too ordinary, or they may not have been literate. There are tools, in this case water craft, that speak for them and tell us what previous cultures were like. There's nothing like having a physical object to use, and you can say, 'This is the real thing. This is what people sailed in. This is the object itself.' An object gets your attention the way descriptions often can't."

That's certainly true for ships and their contents. "Until recently, shipping and ships were central to everyone's life," says second-year student Stephanie Gandulla. "Ships were like the trucking system of that time."

North Carolina, and especially its coastal waters and beaches, has played a central role in the history of the New World. There may be as many as 9,000 shipwrecks in the "Graveyard of the Atlantic," some dating from the earliest colonial period. These ships include trading and war ships, even pirate ships. The wreck presumed to be the *Queen Anne's Revenge*, piloted by Blackbeard himself, lies off the coast near Fort Macon, and many of its artifacts are undergoing conservation at ECU through a partnership with the



state's Underwater Archaeology Branch, part of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Faculty and students also examined a wrecked World War II-era British vessel near Beaufort Inlet, one of several ships the British sent over to help monitor U.S. coastal waters threatened by German U-boats. The *HMT Bedfordshire* went down with 37 crew members in 1942. One field season took them to Elizabeth City's Ships' Graveyard, believed to harbor as many as 30 watercraft from a 200-year period.

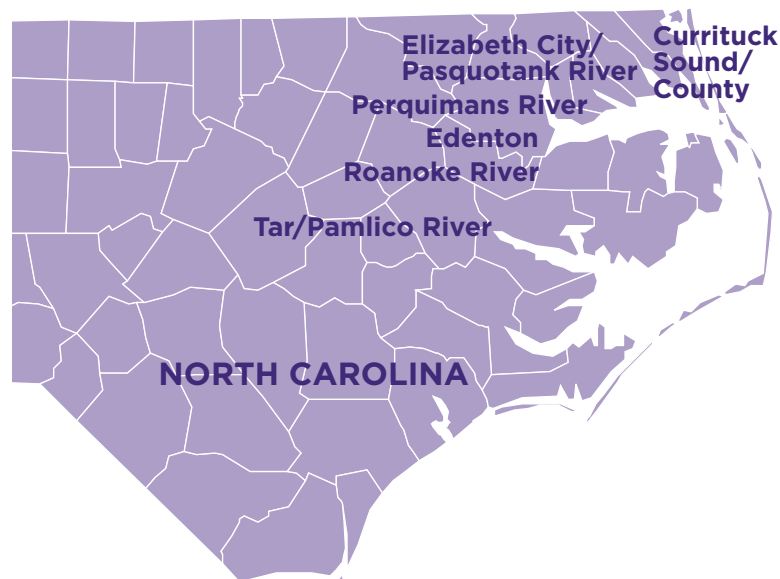
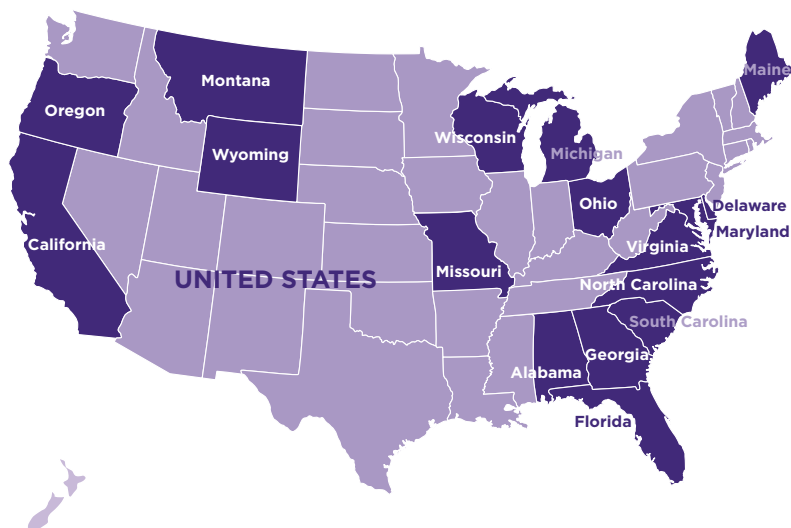
The program's reach extends north to the Great Lakes, west to the Hawaiian Islands, east to Sweden and south to Florida, where faculty and students examined the *Maple Leaf*, a Civil War vessel that sank fully loaded with cargo.

One of the hallmark sites for maritime studies field work is Bermuda, where ECU students have participated in research dives since the program started in 1981. Bermuda is a key site for maritime research; St. George's Parish, with its large harbor, has been used by ships for 400 years, and as a ships' graveyard since the late 1800s. Through a long-time partnership with the Bermuda Maritime Museum, students have studied shipwrecks dating from the 1500s,



The mysterious 325-year-old ship's cannon discovered six years ago off the waterfront in Washington, N.C., is now on display at its home in the North Carolina Estuarium after a yearlong restoration by ECU maritime students. Maritime studies professor Bradley Rodgers said the origin of the cannon is a mystery because it was nearly a century old when Washington was founded in 1776. He called it one of the oldest and most historic pieces of ordnance found in the U.S.

Maritime studies students and faculty have researched shipwrecks and recovered artifacts in at least 15 countries and 18 U.S. states and at multiple locations in North Carolina.





Sarah Watkins-Kenney

Scientists from more than a dozen countries came to campus in May to learn more about North Carolina's efforts to preserve the ship believed to be the flagship of the pirate Blackbeard. The four-day conference included a tour of the *Queen Anne's Revenge* shipwreck project lab, led by Sarah Watkins-Kenney, the chief conservator of the project. The shipwreck was located off the North Carolina coast in 1996.

Civil War vessels and modern iron and steel wrecks. In recent years, students undertook surveys of sunken vessels near the Royal Navy Dockyard, as well as of a gunboat and two sailing vessels.

Artifacts and conservation

A critical element of ECU's program in maritime studies is conservation—the science of making sure objects preserved for decades or centuries by rivers and oceans aren't destroyed when they come ashore. It's complicated work, says Susanne Grieve, a conservation instructor, conservator and lab coordinator for the program. "There are many types of materials, and we get composites—iron and wood—that require different treatments. You never know how they will react."

Some artifacts, such as lead shot, may only need to be rinsed or soaked in water. Other materials need constant vigilance to prevent deterioration. Iron, once underwater for decades or centuries, must be kept wet until it can be submerged in a special tank, where chemicals and electric current will remove the minerals it has absorbed. Iron also attracts other materials to it which cling to form big blocks called concretions. These concretions often hold other artifacts—bits of plates, glass, even shackles. Concretions often are a shipwreck's true treasure chest, and must be carefully dismantled.

"We preserve these things because they give us so much information," Grieve says. "Not just about the culture, but about the environment it was in. You preserve the aesthetics, but also the real history." She says personal items help create a fuller picture of people and the times. "You may be seeing something unique about that person—that wasn't part of their big story. Just one piece of them."

ECU's conservation lab recently began the conservation process on a Native American canoe found in Georgia believed to date from around 1100–1200 AD. Grieve will gradually allow it to dry out, then decide how best to preserve it for museum display. The process could take two years.



After ECU, smooth sailing

The San Diego Maritime Museum was a run-down collection of three tattered sailing vessels on the edge of bankruptcy when **Raymond Ashley** '93 was named director. Since taking the helm of the waterfront museum 15 years ago he has expanded its holdings to 10 classic ships, including the famous *Star of India*, one of the mid-19th century's best-known iron sailing ships. With more than 1.4 million visitors now coming to the museum each year, Ashley's staff has grown to 55 and his budget to \$5 million. In the process he's gained a national reputation for finding innovative ways to bring to vivid life the history of sailing the ocean blue.


A native Californian, Ashley caught the sailing bug at 17 when he signed on as a deckhand on a schooner for a three-month journey to the Galapagos Islands. "As far as the eye could see, the islands were swarming with life...with penguins and seals and iguanas and turtles. After that experience, I knew I wanted to spend my life around sailing ships."

To achieve his dream, Ashley traded coasts to enroll in East Carolina's master's in maritime studies program, later completing his thesis work at Duke. "For me, each day is an exciting new opportunity to tell these wonderful sea stories," Ashley says about running the maritime museum. Now 56, he's married to a second-grade

schoolteacher in San Diego and they have two adult daughters.

"We get 20,000 fourth- and fifth-graders through here each year and when I see their eyes light up as they step onto the deck of the *Star of India*, I know I'm doing the work I was meant to do. In many ways, my passion for doing that got its start at ECU, where I was fortunate to study under some terrific maritime history professors such as William Still and Carl Swanson. Their feeling for the sea and for the great old vessels that once sailed it was a major factor in triggering my own fascination with the world of maritime history."

—Tom Nugent

A full-page underwater photograph showing a diver in the upper right, holding a video camera and filming a large, rusted metal structure of a shipwreck on the ocean floor. The water is clear blue, and the seabed is covered in dark, textured rocks and coral.

A student records video
of wreckage from the iron
steamship *Ivanhoe* during
a field school in Hawaii.

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Discovery ahead

Field schools, conservation and a strong academic base make ECU's program in maritime studies one of the best in the world, and its faculty and students come from as far away as Australia, South Africa and South America. This year's class has students from Canada and throughout the United States.

Many, like Josh Marano '09, are pursuing a lifelong dream. "I knew I wanted to be in this program since I was 5 years old," says Marano, a second-year student originally from Fayetteville. "I became fascinated with the field. When I was about 10 or 11 years old, I wrote the director to find out what I needed to do to get in. This is the premier program."

For others, maritime studies means combining a love of history, research and discovery. Hans Van Tilburg '95 came to the program from Berkeley, Calif., and participated in several field school dives including one on PBYS—the flying boats used during World War II. Today, he is maritime heritage coordinator and unit diving supervisor for the Pacific Islands Regional Office of the National Marine Sanctuaries, part of NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where his job is researching maritime sites—and sharing his enthusiasm for archaeology and history with visitors.

In 2003, he joined the ranks of discoverers when he pinpointed the wreck of the *USS Saginaw*. Oddly enough, the Union had a Pacific Squadron during the Civil War, protecting ports from Confederate raiders. In 1870, the *Saginaw* went down in one of the most hostile places imaginable—the east side of Kure Atoll. Van Tilburg was joined in this exploration by Rodgers, his friend and former instructor, along with then-student Kelly Gleason '06. Diving on the wreck was treacherous, Van Tilburg says. Lashed by waves, the currents were so violent that he and other divers had to cling to the reef with one hand at all times. Excavation came second to staying alive.

"It's a high-energy environment," he says. "You have to hold on." It took another three

years before weather and other logistics allowed the team to document the site. Even with decent weather, taking exact measurements was impossible. The surge was too strong.

For Van Tilburg, a firm understanding of Civil War history from ECU helped make this incredible discovery possible. "The program gave me the tools to be able to jump into the historical and archival resources," he says. "The unique thing about ECU is that it provided that dual approach—archaeology and maritime history. It also provided the techniques to survey these underwater sites that are literally everywhere around the world."

Likewise, Gandulla, originally from Montana, is setting out on her own journey of

discovery. She spent several days measuring and documenting the Corolla shipwreck, where she and her classmates carefully studied the vessel's timbers, noting odd details like knots and gnarls in the wood, how the boards curved and how they were fastened. This fall, she'll travel to Sweden to continue her studies of the *Vasa*, which also dates from about the same period.

"Every ship has a story to tell—who used it, who built it," she says. "Our maritime heritage is a good vantage point for looking at the history of the world."

Underwater archaeology offers plenty of food for the mind, she says. "It appeals to the imagination," she says. "To have your hands on something 400 years old is pretty exciting."

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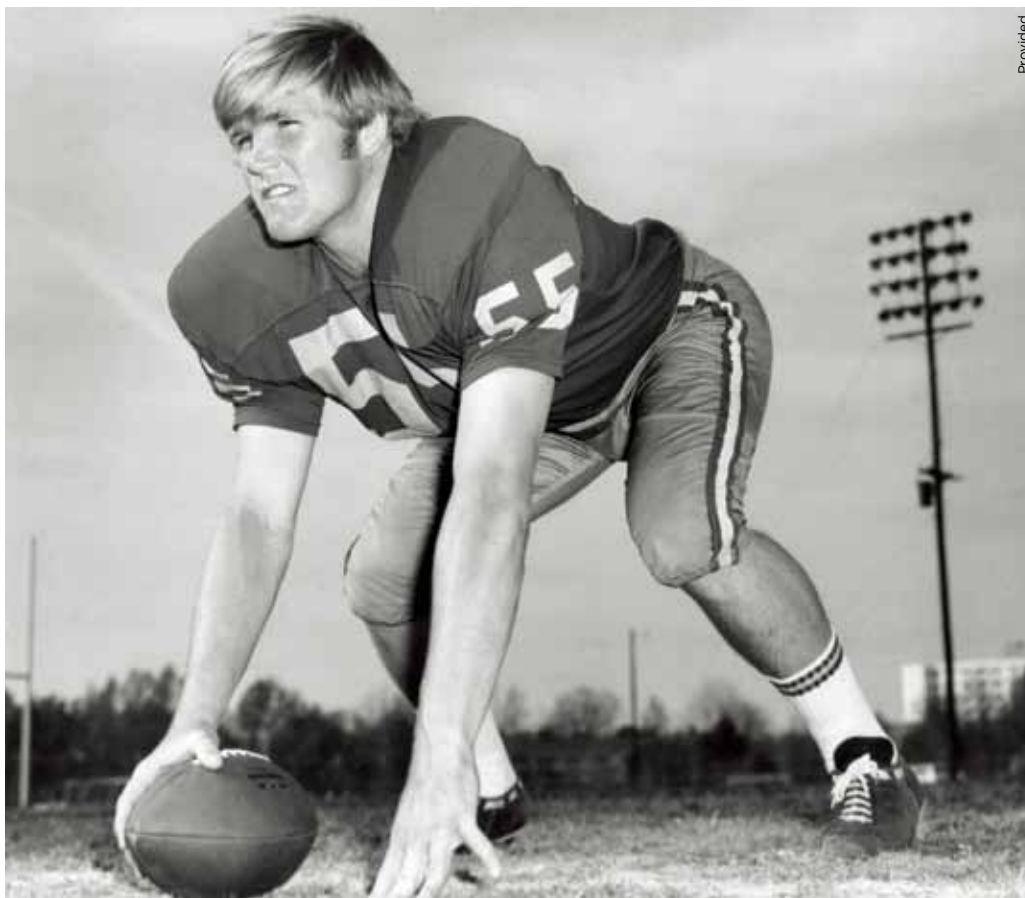


THE CENTER OF Pirate sports

Two plays largely carried East Carolina to its first NCAA conference football championship in 1972. Quarterback Carl Summerell would hand off to running back Carlester Crumpler, who carried the ball for more than 1,300 yards that season. Or Summerell would drop back to find a receiver like Tim Dameron streaking downfield for one of Summerell's 26 career TD passes. But all those plays began when a freckle-faced kid from Wilmington of admittedly average talent hiked the ball to Summerell and hurled his body against the line.

Several players on those Sonny Randle-coached teams went on to notable pro careers, including ECU hall of famers Crumpler '82, Summerell '76 and defensive back Danny "Cap'n Crunch" Kepley, leader of the "Wild Dog" defense. But the majority were overachievers like Jimmy Creech '73 '74 who blocked and tackled for the superstars. Many of them also enjoyed success after college as business owners, teachers, military leaders and coaches. Some, like Creech, are still at the center of East Carolina sports.

As the incoming president of the Pirate Club, Creech is shepherding a \$15 million fundraising campaign to build a new practice facility for the basketball and volleyball teams. He's also a member of the Order of the Cupola, the Chancellors' Society and a member of the ECU Foundation and a former member of the Board of Visitors. He has supported about every ECU fundraising campaign over the past 20 years and endowed a graduate fellow scholarship in the College of Health and Human Performance, which recognized him as a Centennial Leader. He's lived in Greenville since graduation and owns Industrial & Construction Enterprises, a major supplier of pipe, valves, safety equipment and other industrial parts based in Washington, N.C.



His playing career bridged the old and new in Pirate sports. Recruited out of New Hanover High School by legendary coach Clarence Stasavich, Creech played offense and defense his freshman year, Stasavich's final year as coach. Creech played for Coach Mike McGee his sophomore year and, after McGee abruptly left for Duke University, his alma mater, Creech and many other players cheered when assistant coach Sonny Randle was given the helm.

"Coach Randle took a bunch of skinny-legged guys and made football players out of us. A lot of us didn't have much talent but we had some real players and he made winners out of us." Randle insisted that his players be in top physical shape and his practices could be brutal. In a 2002 interview with Bonesville.net, linebacker Jim Post '73 recalled that many players wilted under Randle's exacting regime. "We went

from 110 players down to 56 by the last preseason scrimmage," Post said. But all that hard work paid off.

'The Big Five is alive'

The 1971 season, the first of Creech's three years as a football letterman, started off badly, and the Pirates were a disappointing 1-5 when they traveled to Raleigh to play N.C. State for only the second time. Lining up against a bigger and more physical State defender, Creech had the best game

of his career and the underdog Pirates pulled off a stunning 31-15 victory in a game that many now point to as the moment when East Carolina's football program entered the modern era. The next day, "I remember Dr. Leo Jenkins coming out in the paper and saying 'the Big Four is dead and the Big Five is alive.' That pulled us up to believing we could compete on the same level with anyone," Creech says proudly.

From that point through the end of Creech's senior year and his year as a graduate assistant coach, the Pirates went 21-5 and never lost a conference game; four of those five losses were against ACC teams. Creech was co-captain of the '72 conference champs and was given the Swindell Memorial award for putting team before self.

Now 58, his eyes flash remembering the 1972 Southern Conference championship game against a heavily favored William

and Mary team. “Folks thought we would disappear and not show up but we beat them. I remember coming home on the bus and the Highway Patrol picked us up at the state line and gave us an escort into Greenville. We drove through downtown (and) all the students were out there cheering. I’ll never forget that.”

There were low moments, too, such as the 1970 Marshall game. After that game, “I was in the dorm when Coach McGee came up there that night and told us what happened. It’s something you carry with you all your life.” Perhaps thinking back to plane rides to away games that season in Texas and Illinois, Creech muses that “it could easily have been us.”

Some of his former teammates beg to differ when Creech talks of having just average football skills. “Jimmy was a team captain for a reason,” says Crumpler, who went on to play for the Buffalo Bills and is now an academic coordinator in ECU’s Office of Student Development Athletics. “He was a leader in every respect (who) gave you every ounce of himself every day, every play. When we ran laps during the team warm ups Jimmy was always leading. He took nothing for granted. I have as much respect for him as any player I have had the blessed privilege to play with.”

Building a future

Many entrepreneurs undergo a trial by fire struggling to establish their businesses. In his first years as a business owner, Creech endured a trial by water.

It was 1999, four years after he acquired the local operations of a Wilmington industrial supply company that he had worked for since completing his master’s in education in 1974. From offices in Washington, N.C., his company, Industrial & Construction Enterprises, sold and distributed pipe, valves and other parts to industrial plants across the region. The economy was strong and—even though cash flow was a

problem—his business prospects were good.

And then Hurricane Floyd struck. Eastern North Carolina was devastated, roads were impassable and many of Creech’s industrial customers were knocked out of business, throwing thousands of people out of work.

“Just to get to work in the morning I had to leave Greenville, cut through Vanceboro, take a country road down to Aurora, catch a ferry over to Bayview and cut back to Washington. That was a three-hour ordeal just to get to work. And then I would repeat that trip at night.”

It was during those dark nights that his phone often rang with desperate calls from customers seeking replacement parts. “I had just gotten home one night and (the Kitchens of Sara Lee bakery) in Tarboro called, so I reversed course to try to help them. Another night the plant engineer at Catalytica Pharmaceuticals (now DSM) called at midnight saying we need all this and we need it as soon as possible because we’re down. It was amazing some of the things we were able to pull off to keep those plants going. That was a great feeling to be able to help those plants out (because) they need you when they need you.”

From that ordeal a successful business, aided by dedicated employees, took root and grew, with sales soaring from \$5 million to \$15 million. “We and our employees built the business (on) relationships and service. We have 35 employees and they are our greatest asset; most have been there 20 to 25 years.”

Industrial & Construction Enterprises has expanded again in recent years, opening new locations in Leland near Wilmington and in Apex south of Raleigh. One growth area is in selling and repairing industrial safety equipment, as exemplified by a major new contract the company signed with PCS Phosphate. “It’s a different venue for us, a different direction, but so far so good.”

An ECU family

The Creeches are a family that bleeds purple and gold. He met his wife, Debra Smith Creech ’73, here. Originally from Rosewood near Goldsboro, she was working part-time in the student center when they met. They now have two grown children. Daughter Emily C. Holland ’06 was a Teaching Fellow and graduated summa cum laude in elementary education. She married Brody School of Medicine graduate Ryan Holland ’05 ’09, who is completing his first year of residency in Shreveport, La. They were expecting their first child this summer. Son David A. Creech went to UNC Chapel Hill for his undergraduate work before graduating cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law.

Creech has seen a lot of changes in East Carolina and the way it’s perceived. “I think the respect we get is the biggest change I’ve seen. People know where East Carolina is. I think our athletic success has done a lot to bring that to fruition. We needed the medical school, the dental school, but the sports program brings us national and international recognition. It’s not just a teachers school anymore.”

Even bigger changes lie ahead. “In another three or four years you won’t be able to recognize the athletic fields side of campus. We are trying to position ourselves so that when and if there is a conference realignment, we will be ready. Part of that is getting the basketball program fixed. We need to give those coaches the tools they need to bring the best talent here. Three or four years from now, that program will be very different.”

He’s bringing the same energy and discipline to the Pirate Club that he had as a player. “We’ve just gone through a strategic planning exercise. It’s easy to get complacent and rest on your laurels, but if you don’t grow you die. That’s one thing about being a Pirate; it’s never been easy. You get up every day and go out and prove yourself.”

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FROM THE CLASSROOM



Christine Bouck

Emily Johnson

Sarah Williams

A big STEPP forward

A select group of ECU educators is especially proud knowing they're opening the higher education door to students whose learning differences sometimes keep them from going to college.

BY SPAINE STEPHENS

As another academic year begins, unique academic triumphs are springing from promises kept between student and institution through Project STEPP, which offers comprehensive support for students with learning differences. These students, identified more than a year before they enter East Carolina, are capable of excelling in a university setting, yet their documented learning disabilities affect their achievement.

"These students are very bright," says Sarah Williams, director of Project STEPP, which stands for Supporting Transition and Education through Planning and Partnerships. "They have intellectual capabilities equal to or greater than their peers in school."

For years, professional educators like Williams, a former special education teacher who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from ECU, saw an academic gap on the university level in services for students with learning differences. Project STEPP began in 2007 to mend those gaps. The program accepts 10 new students per year who receive academic, social and life-skills support as they transition to college life and toward graduation. Students accepted to the program receive a commitment to support them every step of the way. The students, in turn, promise to take advantage of opportunities and services all over campus as they work toward their goals.

ECU's Project STEPP model is unique to North Carolina, and is catching the eye of

the UNC General Administration. That's because it provides intensive support that goes well beyond services legally required at state universities.

Project STEPP, led by Williams, Assistant Director Christine Bouck and Transition Specialist Emily Johnson, as well as in-office tutors and mentors, works with public and private high schools to identify students who meet the criteria of the program during their junior year of high school. When students commit to Project STEPP, they receive monthly transition newsletters that include tips on leaving home and how to adjust to college life. Project STEPP representatives communicate with them frequently during the rest of their high school careers, and they attend an intense introduction to ECU the week before classes begin. The students learn about services on campus that can help them succeed, including Disability Support Services, the Pirate Tutoring Center, Career Services, the Irene Howell Assistive Technology Center and the Writing Center, among many others.

"Project STEPP is unique because of the necessity for collaboration all across campus," Williams says. "This fits within the university's culture so well because of that support. Folks all across campus have said, 'How can we do this the best we can and how can we do right by these students?'"

The second tier of the Project STEPP experience is the continuing support during a student's middle years. They are encouraged

to take advantage of academic tutors and mentors who can give advice on how to deal with issues they face and how to grow more independent in areas including studying, time management, test- and note-taking and accountability. Project STEPP students are held to every university requirement that every other ECU student must adhere to; they simply have access to tools that help them conquer academic hurdles.

The graduation transition tier of the program links students with faculty members in their major to develop an electronic portfolio, which serves as a showcase of the student's work and documents progress toward meeting area competencies. The process was piloted last spring semester, and Project STEPP is also working on linking students with internships and leadership opportunities.

"These students want to give back," Williams says. "The older students are connecting back with younger students."

The give-and-take approach to Project STEPP adds to the close dynamic between the students, program officials and faculty and staff across campus. The students are encouraged by the support; first-year Project STEPP students boast academic averages on target with those of other first-year students.

The success also is giving leverage to Project STEPP's endowment fund and the pursuit of grant funding for the program's future. The endowment started in 2007 through a gift from Walter and Marie Williams.

A new home for high-achievers

There have been eight colleges within East Carolina University, but this fall a ninth opens with the first class of students admitted to the new Honors College. The unit is a beefed-up version of an existing program provided for the highest-achieving students. By upgrading the honors program to college status at a time of thin budgets, the university is signaling its intent to attract even more of the brainiest bunch of kids. About 120 of them are expected to fill the first class.

Simple numbers explain the move. Last year, of the 18,776 freshmen who applied here, East Carolina identified 859 whiz kids who were immediately accepted. However, only 189 of them chose ECU over other schools to which they had applied (22 percent), and of those, only 115 (13 percent) actually enrolled in the honors program.

There's another telling number. ECU saw 179 freshmen who had overall GPAs of 3.0 or above transfer last year to schools offering bigger scholarships and more challenging classes. Their loss hurt the university's critical freshman-to-sophomore retention rate, dropping it one point below the goal of 79 percent.



Kevin Baxter

The program's transition to college status has been led by Associate Dean Kevin Baxter, who arrived in January after 10 years with the College Park Scholars program at the University of Maryland. As part of the transition, EC Scholars, the university's most prestigious scholarship program, moved into the Honors College last spring under the direction of Katie O'Connor. Dr. Patricia Fazzone, director of the University Honors Program at Southern Illinois University who holds a doctorate in nursing, was named dean.

The Honors College will have between 12 and 15 faculty members leading classes, up from five last year, and will be housed in the Mamie Jenkins Building, which is being remodeled for that purpose.

This fall most Honors College students will occupy Jones Hall on College Hill, where they will be housed together with international students.

Provost Marilyn Sheerer, who has championed creation of an Honors College, said ECU must balance its historic mission of providing broad access to higher education against the need to challenge a narrow group of students who have the potential for greatness. "The new Honors College will directly meet that challenge by creating an intellectually stimulating, creative and engaging curriculum for this group of students. We have discovered that we have lost some of these students in the past because of their own experience of not being academically challenged."

The university is awarding Honors College students scholarships of \$1,500 and \$2,500 for freshman year over and above other scholarships and grants they may receive.

—Steve Tuttle

The long-term goal is \$4 million; to date, the endowment has grown to slightly more than \$1 million. The endowment is a top funding priority for the university, says Marcy Romary, senior major gifts officer. The endowment would enable Project STEPP to be self-sufficient for the long haul if university funding and grants weren't available, she says. Other gifts support operating funds that help sustain Project STEPP in the meantime. With 40 students enrolled in the program this fall, Project STEPP will eventually serve up to 50 students at a time, and the endowment will help the program and the university stick to the financial commitment of offering comprehensive support to each one.

Late last year, Project STEPP was awarded a two-year, \$300,000 grant from the Oak Foundation that will help the program build partnerships and gain new ideas for serving students. The UNC system is working with Sarah Williams and other officials to expand on the ECU model and create similar opportunities at other UNC campuses.

"We've been given the opportunity to dream," Williams says.

Currently, no other North Carolina university offers students with learning differences the comprehensive support that Project STEPP delivers. In fact, there are very few similar programs in the country, says Provost Marilyn Sheerer.

ECU has taken on a leadership role in seeking grant funding for program models at other universities that could eventually give more underserved students access to higher education. Without Project STEPP, ECU, the region and the state "would have missed out on the uniqueness of these students' contributions," Sheerer says. "When given the opportunities and support, they can achieve."

Some Project STEPP students already are accomplishing more than they believed they could before they became college students.

"By the end of their first year," Johnson says, "many of them reflect that they've made it

farther than they ever expected. It's exciting to see them realize that they can continue to build on those successes to reach their goals."

The efforts of Project STEPP staff, mentors and tutors also are instilling confidence in the students. Some students refer to the Project STEPP office as a "home base" where they can study, ask questions, get advice and be referred to other offices on campus that can assist in their growth.

"I feel so great that I was able to come to a four-year university through Project STEPP," says one student. "It opened up a lot of new doors for me and gave me the confidence to walk through them."

To David Powers, that confidence is a product of ECU's commitment to "deliver on the promise of opportunity." Powers, special assistant to the provost, professor emeritus and member of Project STEPP's advisory board, says research shows that if students who need this type of comprehensive academic and life-skills support are identified early on and provided close support, they tend to be as academically successful as any other college student. That success, he adds, can make a dramatic difference in the students' later accomplishments; it's often a lifelong difference.

"What it comes down to is East Carolina University being about opportunity in every way," says Powers, who has focused on special education during his 33 years at ECU. "It's one example of the way this university is actually living its mission."

Sarah Williams sees it the same way. Project STEPP currently has a 95 percent retention rate, and its first student is set to graduate next May. Williams will be there, cheering and reflecting on her early hopes for such achievement by every student and by the program itself. "ECU is absolutely the best place to start this program," she says. "We really are reaching the underserved. To come back home to ECU and see a program like this created here and to be a part of it, it couldn't get any better."

In his fourth book, *Slaves to Faith: A Therapist Looks Inside the Fundamentalist Mind*, religion professor and therapist **Calvin Mercer '97** answers the question many ask each time another Jim Jones or David Koresh grabs the spotlight: Where

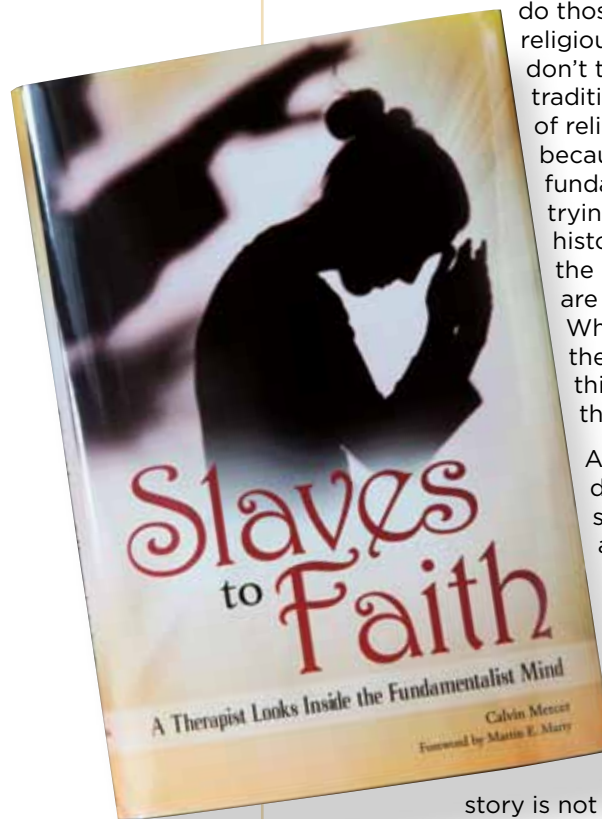
do those people get such extreme religious views? His answer is: most don't think that way. "Unfortunately, traditional and moderate adherents of religion often get a bad name because of the misdeeds of fundamentalists," Mercer says. "I'm trying to help us understand the history and beliefs and, ultimately, the mind of fundamentalists who are outside of mainstream religion. What I do in this book is explore the structure of fundamentalists' thinking and the emotional life that goes with it."

A biblical scholar and co-director of the ECU religious studies program, Mercer also has practiced clinical psychology. Focusing on Christian fundamentalists, the author puts the movement in its historical and theological contexts. At the same time, Mercer uses cognitive theory to explain that the fundamentalist's life

story is not particular to Christianity or any other religious belief system. He asserts that fundamentalist Catholics, Muslims, Jews and those of all other faiths share a common psychological profile. He insists that if the Christian terminology were eliminated from contemporary fundamentalist Christian rhetoric, what would remain would be a framework that fundamentalists from other religions would find quite familiar and even comforting. In other words, the structure of the fundamentalist worldview, and the psychology beneath it, is pretty much the same across religions.

"My goal is to promote understanding and dialogue between religions and between the different theological camps within the religions," Mercer says. "It's not an easy task, but there's a lot at stake and we should do all we can to have religion be a positive, rather than a negative, force in our world."

Slaves to Faith: A Therapist Looks Inside the Fundamentalist Mind
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Home Court *Disadvantage*

As East Carolina makes another attempt to resurrect its men's basketball program with new coaches taking the court this winter, many believe more wins won't start coming until the school builds a new gym where athletes don't share practice time with phys ed classes.



The construction boom in athletic facilities that continues reverberating around campus has benefited every major sport at East Carolina but one. Basketball. But now that may be about to change.

The Pirate Club has launched a \$15 million fundraising campaign to pay for construction of a separate practice facility for men's and women's basketball and volleyball. It would rise in the parking lot behind Minges



JEFF LEBE

Age: 43

Alma Mater: UNC Chapel Hill '89

Overall Record: 211-156

Highlights:

- Guided two teams into NIT play
- Turned around programs at Tennessee-Chattanooga and Tennessee Tech en route to a 115-63 combined record at those schools
- Honored as Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year three straight years
- Played for Dean Smith and was part of a Tar Heel program that posted a 116-25 record during his career
- Has been a part of nine conference/division championship teams and 12 postseason tournament teams as a player and coach

Coliseum. About \$5.4 million was raised during the campaign's silent phase this spring and a public campaign is about to get under way. The capital campaign is being co-chaired by Pirate boosters Walter Williams and Henry Williamson, says Jimmy Bass, senior associate athletic director for external operations.

There is some urgency behind the campaign because many sports enthusiasts and university officials believe East Carolina must begin fielding competitive teams in men's basketball—the women are doing fine, thanks—before the Pirates have any chance of moving up to a BCS conference. ECU is one of only a handful of Division I schools without separate practice facilities for basketball. Minges, which houses a natatorium and College of Health and Human Performance offices as well as 8,000-seat Williams Arena, is a beehive of constant activity. Built in 1964, it last had a face-lift in 1994 and cannot easily be expanded.

"A dedicated practice facility is an absolute necessity in order to recruit the best student-athletes today," Athletics Director Terry Holland says. "Those young people are very dedicated to their sport and expect to have 24/7/365 accessibility to facilities that will help them develop to their fullest potential. A state-of-the-art practice facility will give East Carolina University the opportunity to maximize our ability to compete at the highest level."

Associate Director of Athletics Dennis Young says a practice gym is critical if ECU has any chance of being invited to join a major conference like the Big East or ACC. "In order to have the best chance to control our own destiny, we have to 'fix' a [men's] basketball program that has had just four winning seasons over the last 20 years," Young says. "This lack of success has hurt ECU financially in poor attendance at games, but more importantly," Young adds, "it has hurt our overall reputation in a sport that is important to all top conferences as well as to the fans in a basketball hungry state like North Carolina."

The women's team, which saw post-season

play after posting a 23-11 record last year, won the conference championship three years ago and averages about 2,000 fans at home games. The men went 10-21 and averaged 3,750 fans.

Into this uncertain situation, new basketball coaches Jeff Lebo and Heather Macy are focusing on keeping their programs afloat until the new gym is built.

Lebo seems well suited to the role. He didn't set out to drive the fire truck for college basketball, but time after time in his coaching career he's been the one to put out the fires at troubled college programs and win games under adverse conditions. His challenge now is to transform a program without a winning record in 13 years into one that can distract the Pirate faithful from football and baseball for a few months each winter.

"I'm familiar with doing those things," Lebo says of his rescuer role. "I'm comfortable with those things. It's hard. It's not easy. It's frustrating at times, but you've got to look at the big picture, and I think I'm pretty good at looking at the big picture."

Lebo put out the fire at Tennessee Tech, a team that went 9-21 the year before he arrived and was labeled "coaching suicide" by some advisors. Three years after he took over, the Golden Eagles won 27 games, qualified for the NIT in their first postseason appearance since the 1960s and won three games in that tournament.

He did it at UT-Chattanooga, where he led the Mocs to their first 20-win season in six years right out of the gate and created an offense that was ranked in the top eight in the nation. And he did it at Auburn, a school that was waiting for the NCAA hatchet to fall when he became the coach there. Despite being saddled with scholarship restrictions and a host of departing players, Lebo led the Tigers to their second-most wins in school history last season and made it to the top eight in the NIT.

Lebo rates his East Carolina transition as the smoothest and the most promising of his career. At his previous stops, he says,

at least a few players responded to the coaching change by transferring. But all of the ECU players remained. "I think that says something about the kids really liking East Carolina, and that's big. We've got some good parts here. There are some areas we want to add to, but I think we've got some players who have proven they can play well in this league."

To that core of returning players, Lebo recruited former Rose High School standout Tony Smith, who had spent the last two seasons playing at Seward County (Kan.) Community College, where the 6-foot-5, 185-pound Smith averaged 14.3 points and 5.2 rebounds in 26 games last season. He also signed Robert Sampson, son of former Virginia and NBA star Ralph Sampson. Sampson, a 6-foot-8, 200-pound forward, spent this past season at The Bullis School in Potomac, Md., where he averaged 10.4 points and 9.6 rebounds per game. Lebo also landed University of Missouri transfer Miguel Paul, who subbed for Big XII Defensive Player-of-the-Year J.T. Tiller and all-conference performer Zaire Taylor while averaging 11.7 minutes in 69 games playing behind one of the nation's premier backcourts. The 6-foot-1 guard will have to sit out the upcoming season.

"He's going to push our backcourt players in practice and make them better," Lebo says. "I think having to go against Miguel every day in practice is going to be very beneficial for all our perimeter guys."

Heather Macy, the new women's basketball coach, has a far different mission than Lebo. She's trying to keep the fire going under a Lady Pirate team that made its first-ever WNIT appearance last year under Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener after reaching the conference tournament semi-finals. Macy comes to Greenville with impressive winning records, but ECU is her first job at the Division I level. In three years at Francis Marion University in South Carolina and for two years before that at Pfeiffer University, she averaged 22 wins per season and was conference coach of the year three times.

Accepting the ECU job "was a no brainer for me," says Macy, who grew in Hamptonville and played for Greensboro College. "Getting back to North Carolina, being part of a program like this one, and the opportunity to compete in Conference USA and compete for the NCAA tournament, it just felt like a dream come true."

Macy comes to East Carolina from Francis Marion, where she compiled a 75-19 record over three years and took the Patriots to the NCAA Division II tournament each season. Before going there, Macy was a head coach at Pfeiffer University and worked as an assistant at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, High Point University, Lenoir-Rhyne and Catawba College.

By hiring Lebo and Macy, Holland did his part to signify an enduring commitment to basketball in Pirate Country and a belief that, by putting the ball in the hands of leaders who know how to win, victories can form the perennial backdrop for ECU basketball squads. It's an issue that is of particular interest to Holland, who was 418-216 and led his team to two Final Fours in his own head coaching career at the University of Virginia and Davidson College.

"Coach Lebo brings credibility and class to every program he is associated with and Pirate fans will love him and his teams," Holland says. This is a unique opportunity for the Pirate Nation to get behind Coach Lebo to prove that ECU can fill up Minges Coliseum and compete for conference championships.

"Coach Macy is the kind of fierce competitor that believes nothing is impossible," he adds. "Her teams mirror her personality as they play aggressively and they play to win. While Coach Macy inherits a team that has been successful, there is no doubt that the expectation level will be ratcheted up several notches. She has assembled an all-star staff of assistant coaches with a blend of skills that make this staff and program competitive with any women's basketball program in the country."

"We like to play fast," Lebo says, "but

my philosophy as a coach of how to play pretty much stays intact. We want to play hard, we want to play smart and we want to play together. And how we do that really depends on our personnel. We have to get to know what our strengths are and what our weaknesses are."

Lebo and Macy will both have a chance to accurately assess their challenges when they start limited practices in September. **East**



HEATHER MACY

Age: 32

Alma Mater: Greensboro College '00

Overall Record: 115-39

Highlights:

- Led Francis Marion University to a 75-19 record, three Division II national rankings and three NCAA Tournament berths
- Her teams have finished the season first in the nation in scoring average three of the last four years
- Won two Peach Belt regular-season titles at FMU in three seasons
- Francis Marion was selected to host the 2009 Southeast Regional in Florence, S.C.
- Has been named conference coach-of-the-year three times in the last four seasons
- Was 40-20 in two seasons as head coach at Pfeiffer University

Fall is just around the corner, and that means football, tailgating, Homecoming and reunions. Make plans to come home to East Carolina this fall to participate in one of the many activities the East Carolina Alumni Association has planned for you.

PIRATE'S BOUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Place your bid to win a bounty at the Pirate's Bounty Scholarship Auction at the Hilton Greenville on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. Enjoy live music by Scott Mueller '96, hors d'oeuvres and Pirate beverages. Place bids on more than 150 live and silent auction items, such as four days and three nights in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, including airfare and a golf or spa package; a "Fighter Pilot for a Day" experience; a two-night girlfriend's shopping getaway in New York, including airfare for two and a \$1,000 shopping spree to Bloomingdale's or Saks Fifth Ave with a personal shopper; a four-day, three-night trip to Los Angeles and tickets to the ESPY Awards; and a Guy Harvey Necklace provided by StarCraft Diamonds.

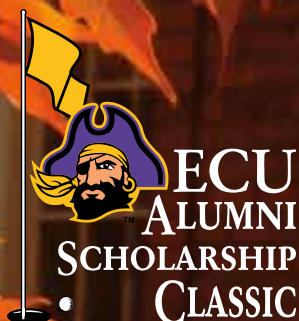
ECU ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP CLASSIC

Play a round of golf at Ironwood Golf and Country Club on Friday, Oct. 15, during the Alumni Scholarship Classic presented by the Hilton Greenville. This four-person super-ball tournament offers two tee times, breakfast, lunch and the 19th hole reception with prizes and trophies. Players receive a complimentary ticket to the Pirate's Bounty Scholarship Auction.

We're excited to announce an addition to this year's tournament. The winning golf team will play at the legendary Pinehurst Resort in the Acura College Alumni Team Championship Nov. 5-7. Four-player packages include resort accommodations for three days and two nights, airport transfers and resort transportation, breakfast each day, welcome reception, Acura Champions Banquet, Acura shoot-out, two rounds of championship golf (Pinehurst Nos. 2 and 4), team gifts with college and university colors, team photo and a Nike golf shirt. A total of 120 teams will play for the Acura Alumni Cup in this 36-hole best-ball competition.

Please visit PirateAlumni.com/golf for Alumni Scholarship Classic registration and sponsorship opportunities.

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ALUMNI TAILGATE 2010

Make Alumni Tailgate part of your game-day tradition. Leave the grill at home and join fellow Pirates fans at the Alumni Tailgate for great food provided by local restaurants, Pirate beverages, live music, activities for children, a chance to see Pee Dee the Pirate and the ECU Cheerleaders, and the opportunity to win great door prizes. Home Alumni Tailgate tickets are \$10 for Alumni Association members and \$20 for nonmembers. Away Alumni Tailgate tickets are \$25 per person. Children 12 and younger are free to all tailgates. Sign up by calling the Alumni Center at 800-ECU-GRAD or visit PirateAlumni.com/tailgate for complete details.

HOME ALUMNI TAILGATES

Sept. 5, Tulsa vs. ECU, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., sponsored by O'Charley's and ARAMARK, music by "Mr. Beach," Randal Hight '79

Sept. 11, Memphis vs. ECU, 9:30-11:30 a.m., sponsored by Rep Express Catering and ARAMARK, music by "Mr. Beach," Randal Hight '79

Oct. 16, NC State vs. ECU, 9:30-11:30 a.m., sponsored by Honeybaked Ham and ARAMARK, music by Victor Hudson

Oct. 23, Marshall vs. ECU, 1:30-3:30 p.m., sponsored by ARAMARK, music by Victor Hudson

Nov. 6, Navy vs. ECU, 1-3 p.m., sponsored by Tripps Restaurant, Chico's Mexican Restaurant and ARAMARK, music by Paul Ahearn

Nov. 26, SMU vs. ECU, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., sponsored by Uncle Yammy's Rib Shack and ARAMARK

Home Alumni Tailgate begins two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff and is held outside Gate 1 of Minges Coliseum at ECU's Athletic Complex.

AWAY ALUMNI TAILGATES

Sponsored by the Alumni Association and Pirate Club

Oct. 30, ECU vs. UCF, Orlando, Fla.

Nov. 20, ECU vs. Rice, Houston, Texas

Thank you to our Alumni Tailgate sponsors: Liberty Mutual, Minges Bottling Group, Mutual Distributing, Occasion's Party and Tent Rentals, RA Jeffreys Distributing and WITN

HOMECOM

HOMECOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Alumni Association is proud to offer opportunities for alumni, friends and community members to return to campus and experience some of the most exciting resources ECU has to offer. Events are free and open to the public except as noted.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Homecoming Luncheon

Noon-1 p.m., Mendenhall Student Center, Cynthia Lounge (First Floor)
\$10.00 for Alumni Association members, \$20.00 for nonmembers. Preregistration is required; call 800-ECU-GRAD. Parking is available in the Mendenhall parking lot.

Explore ECU

Behind-the-scenes Tour of ECU Athletics
10:15-11:45 a.m., departs from Marie's Place in Minges Coliseum

Bus Tour of Campus

1:15-2:15 p.m., bus departs from Joyner Library Clock Tower
ECU Ambassador tour guides will lead a lively bus tour, the perfect opportunity to see your old residence hall and favorite hangouts.

Walking Tour of Campus

1:15-2:15 p.m., tour departs from the Joyner Library's Sonic Gates
Bring your walking shoes to enjoy an ECU Ambassador-led walking tour of the university's beautiful Main Campus.

Walking Tour of the College of Nursing and Laupus Library

2:30-4:30 p.m., bus departs from Joyner Library Clock Tower
Join us as we visit the College of Nursing Simulation and Anesthesia Labs and Laupus Library on the Health Sciences Campus.

Classes without Quizzes

Behind-the-scenes Tour of McGinnis Theatre
Led by Jeffery Woodruff '75, teaching instructor and managing director for the Playhouse and Summer Theatre.

10:30-11:30 a.m., tour departs from McGinnis Theatre lobby. Participants must preregister by calling 800-ECU-GRAD (space limited to 20).

Social Networking for Alumni

Presented by the School of Communication
10:30-11:30 a.m., TBA. Participants must preregister by calling 800-ECU-GRAD (space limited to 20).

Brigadier General Catherine Chilton '81 Returns to Campus

2:15-3:15 p.m., Mendenhall Student Center, room 244

Golden Corral Culinary Center Cooking Class—Desserts

2:15-3:15 p.m., Golden Corral Culinary Center. \$10.00 per person. Participants must preregister by calling 800-ECU-GRAD (space limited to 20).

Hurricanes, Oil Spills, Sea-Level Rise, Oh My! What Hazards Threaten Our Coasts?

Presented by Associate Director of RENCI@ECU and Professor of Geology J.P. Walsh
3:30-4:30 p.m., Flanagan, room 349

Joyner Library Archives and Special Collections

With Dean Larry Boyer
3:30-4:30 p.m., Joyner Library

Alumni Awards Dinner and Ceremony

6 p.m., Hilton Greenville
Join us in recognizing alumni and friends who have demonstrated outstanding merit and achievement, distinguished themselves as leaders for the university, and adopted East Carolina as their own. This year's recipients are:

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Brig. Gen. Catherine Anne Chilton '81, mobilization assistant to the commander, electronic systems center, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

Mrs. Christine "Chris" Joyner Greene '57, member of the North Carolina Board of Education and Chair of the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, lifelong educator

Mr. Walter L. Williams '51 '55, founder of Trade Oil Company and Trade Mart, executive vice president of WilcoHess

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Mr. C. Layton Getsinger '69, Former COO of CopyPro Inc., 1999 Outstanding Alumni Award recipient, naval aviator and Vietnam War veteran

Dr. J. Reid Parrott, Jr. '60 '62, president emeritus of Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, N.C.

HONORARY ALUMNI

Ms. Mavis Ray (given posthumously), founding member of ECU's School of Theatre and Dance, teacher, choreographer, actress

Coach Clarence Stasavich (given posthumously), legendary East Carolina head football coach, athletic director and physical education teacher

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Alumni Breakfast

9 a.m., Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center Lawn
Enjoy a complimentary breakfast sponsored by ARAMARK and the chance to visit with fellow alumni. Stay for the Homecoming Parade and enjoy a front-row seat.

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m., Fifth Street

Everyone loves a parade! See elaborately decorated floats decorated with this year's theme, "Rock'n the Purple and Gold," and hear the Marching Pirates play ECU favorites.

Black Alumni Homecoming Breakfast

9 a.m., Ledonia Wright Cultural Center
Join the Black Alumni Chapter for breakfast before you watch the parade.

Homecoming Alumni Tailgate

1:30-3:30 p.m., Gate 1 outside Minges Coliseum
See the Alumni Tailgate information on page 43.

REUNIONS

Alumni Reunion—Celebrating Graduates of ECTC and ECC

Presented by Spring Shire
Friday, Oct. 22-Saturday, Oct. 23



Reconnect with former classmates and your alma mater. Enjoy all of the Homecoming activities available and end the weekend with the

Alumni Reunion Dinner Dance featuring The Collegians at the City Hotel and Bistro on Saturday evening.

Collegians Reunion

Friday, Oct. 22-Sunday, Oct. 24

Fellow Collegians are brought together again to enjoy a weekend full of golf, fellowship and jam sessions, and the chance to play for other alumni at the Alumni Reunion Dinner Dance on Saturday night at the City Hotel and Bistro.

Golden Alumni Reunion—Celebrating the Class of 1960

Thursday, Oct. 21-Saturday, Oct. 23

Celebrate with fellow classmates at special activities just for you. Start the weekend on Thursday night with the Class of 1960 Golden Alumni Dinner. On Friday, enjoy a special tribute to your time at East Carolina at the Joyner Library and create an "archival moment" through commentary and panel discussions lead by a moderator. This video recording may be used for future class reunion discussions and will be made available to participants and the ECU community. Saturday evening at the City Hotel and Bistro, enjoy the Alumni Reunion Dinner Dance featuring The Collegians.

New Generation

Campus Ministry Reunion

Friday, Oct. 22-Sunday, Oct. 24

If you were a part of this organization on campus, then save the date for this reunion. Get the chance to reconnect with other alumni during Homecoming weekend at the Friday night meet-and-greet and by attending a church service on Sunday.

ING 2010

COLLEGE, SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENTAL HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

Athletic Training

Athletic Training Alumni, Staff
and Student Tailgate

Saturday, Oct. 23, one hour before kickoff,
located under the Gatorade tent between
the tennis courts and football practice fields
Bring your own refreshments. A football
ticket block will be available in August so you
can order tickets and sit with fellow Athletic
Training alumni. Please contact Dr. Sharon
Rogers at rogerssh@ecu.edu with questions.

Biology

Biology Tailgating Gathering

Saturday, Oct. 23, two hours prior to kickoff,
location TBD

As plans are finalized, details and location
will be posted on the Department of Biology
Web site at www.ecu.edu/biology.

Brody School of Medicine

Alumni Tailgate with the Alumni Association
Saturday, Oct. 23, 1:30–3:30 p.m.,
outside Gate 1 of Minges Coliseum

Alumni Tailgate is \$10.00 for Alumni
Association members and \$20.00 for
nonmembers, which includes buffet, Pirate
beverages, live music, games for children and
a chance to win ECU door prizes. Children 12
and younger are free. Please call the Alumni
Center at 800-ECU-GRAD to purchase
tickets or with questions. Look for the Brody
School of Medicine tables.

Chemistry

Chemistry Department Homecoming
Celebration Social—Chemistry Club
Friday, Oct. 22, 5 p.m., Science and

Technology Building, Third-Floor Atrium
Details of the meal are still being determined,
but price should not exceed \$20.00 per
person. Please RSVP to Jenny Burnham in
the Department of Chemistry at 252-328-
9710. Contact Keith Holmes at 252-737-1566
or holmesk@ecu.edu with questions.

College of Business

Homecoming Social

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9:30–11:30 a.m., on the
lawn between Chancellor's Way and Fifth
Street (across from the intersection of Fifth
and Student Streets)

Contact Anne Fisher at 252-328-6377 or
fishera@ecu.edu with questions.

College of Education

Breakfast on the Porch and Parade Watching
Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m., Speight Building

This activity is free of charge, and you do
not have to RSVP. Contact Ellen Dobson at
252-328-2457 or dobsone@ecu.edu with
questions.

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Breakfast on the Terrace and Parade Watching

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.,
Jenkins Fine Arts Center

This activity is free of charge and open to
alumni of the Schools of Art and Design,
Communication, Music and Theatre and
Dance. Please RSVP to Mary Jane Gaddis at
252-328-1268 or gaddism@ecu.edu.

College of Human Ecology

Continental Breakfast and Parade Watching

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9–11 a.m.,

north entrance of Thomas W. Rivers Building
Contact Peggy Novotny at 252-328-2882 or
novotnym@ecu.edu with questions.

College of Nursing

50th Anniversary College of Nursing

Homecoming Social (with special emphasis
on the first graduating class)

Friday, Oct. 22, 5:30–8:30 p.m., College of
Nursing Lobby in the Health Sciences Building
RSVP to Jane Boardman at 252-744-6504 or
boardmanj@ecu.edu. Contact Laurie Evans
at 252-744-6424 with questions.

Alumni Tailgate with the Alumni Association

Saturday, Oct. 23, 1:30–3:30 p.m.,
outside Gate 1 of Minges Coliseum

Call the Alumni Center at 800-ECU-GRAD to
purchase tickets or with questions. Look for
the College of Nursing tables.

Geography

Geography Department Alumni
Wine and Cheese Open House

Friday, Oct. 23, 5–6:30 p.m.,
Brewster, room D-210

Contact Dr. Karen Mulcahy at 252-328-4991
or mulcahyk@ecu.edu by Oct. 15 to RSVP or
with questions.

Physics

Physics Department Homecoming

Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to noon,
Howell Science Complex,

Physics Department Conference Room

RSVP to Dr. Tom Sayetta at 252-328-1857 or
sayettat@ecu.edu.

Political Science

Homecoming Reception

Friday, Oct. 22, 3–5 p.m.,
Brewster, room C-105

RSVP to Brad Lockerbie at lockerbieb@ecu.edu.

School of Social Work

Alumni Reception and Faculty Recognition

Saturday, Oct. 23,

immediately following the football game

Contact the School of Social Work at
252-328-2281

OTHER HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES AND SPECIALS

Dowdy Student Stores

Alumni Appreciation Sale
and \$50 Gift Card Drawing

Friday, Oct. 22.

Store hours 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23. Store hours depend on
game time. Please visit

www.ecu.edu/studentstores.

Wright Building Location

All regular-price ECU imprinted gifts
and apparel are on sale, with a 1 percent
discount given to alumni for each year
since graduation when they show us their
ECU class ring to prove it! All alumni will
receive a minimum discount of 5 percent;
the maximum discount is 30 percent.

Free game-day buttons will be given with
purchases while supplies last.

School of Music

Opera Theater Performance

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by Benjamin Britten

Thursday, Oct. 21, and

Friday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m.

A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Call 800-ECU-ARTS or 252-328-4788 to
order tickets. Visit www.ecuarts.com for
more information.

Student Activities Board Concert

Homecoming Concert featuring Ludacris

Thursday, Oct. 21, Minges Coliseum

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for students (including
children) and \$30 for nonstudents. Call
the Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788
for tickets.

Student Recreational Center

Get a great
workout for
free during
Homecoming
weekend. Just say
you are an ECU
alumnus when
you stop by the
Customer Service
desk, and you and
a guest will be
admitted for free.
Alumni may bring
an additional two
guests for \$5
each. For more
information,
contact Dena Olo
at olod@ecu.edu
or 252-328-6387.





Trading the *Times* for Fox TV

Dan Neil '82 has a Pulitzer on his resume, the most prestigious award in journalism. But there's no such thing as job security at newspapers, even for Pulitzer winners. Just a few years after Neil's *Los Angeles Times* car column, "Rumble Seat," won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for criticism, the paper was laying off reporters and cutting sections. So Neil had to start multi-tasking.

"I was doing everything," Neil says. "Video, radio, writing for different sections. It was very much an all-hands-on-deck situation, and that's the way of all newspapers nowadays. It's not enough to be just a feature writer—you have to have news game, a critic's hat you can wear, and stand in front of a camera."

Fortunately, Neil's enterprise led to greener pastures. This spring he started his own Fox Sports show—and graduated from the *Los Angeles Times* to *The Wall Street Journal*. The initial run of *Wheels Up* is on Fox Sports

online (msn.foxsports.com), before it moves up to the broadcast network this fall.

Neil also took the opportunity to move back home to North Carolina, where he lives in Raleigh with his wife and two-and-a-half year old twin daughters.

Neil describes *Wheels Up* as author/chef "Anthony Bourdain with cars." Irreverent and entertaining, he holds forth about Ferraris, BMWs and the occasional Ford Fiesta. "It's me doing my thing," Neil says. "Driving recklessly, and trying to find the 'culture' in popular culture. That applies to cars as much as anything else. Cars are at the end of a long line of casualties involving tastes, popular sentiment and the mood and vibe of the people. All of which I try to talk about in the show.

How does he find topics for the TV show? "All you have to do is keep your antenna up. Or, in the case of a car, an aerial."

Keeping the airwaves clean

Like an air-traffic controller or offensive lineman, the job Alison Lawrence Brown '98 does is one nobody notices as long as she does it well. Only the mistakes get attention—and they don't even have to be Brown's misdeeds for trouble to come down on her.

Brown, who lives in Los Angeles, is a broadcast standards and practices executive for Fox Network, charged with keeping the airwaves clean. She knows when disasters like Janet Jackson's infamous Super Bowl "wardrobe malfunction" happen, the ripples carry far and wide.

"That was on CBS and not us," Brown says. "But it still affected everyone from that point forward. The next Super Bowl we had, we

went to a delay for the halftime show for the first time. If one fine comes down, it affects all the affiliates that air it. They get fined, too, and it costs the network \$330,000 per affiliate that airs it and receives a complaint. So we try to protect the network as best we can." (A federal appeals court recently overturned the Federal Communications Commission rule that imposed the fines.)

Manning the "censor" button on live Fox shows such as *American Idol* or *So You Think You Can Dance* is part of Brown's job. Her department also monitors reality shows to make sure contestants get fair and equal treatment. She vets everything that goes out, including commercials, to weed out anything problematic.

"Some shows will offend everybody, and that's fine," Brown says. "As long as it's equal and doesn't cross the line—and there is a line—and won't get us fined, we're more apt to allow it. Some shows are a doozy, like *Family Guy*, although [show creator Seth MacFarlane] is great to work with.



Beth Grant and Alison Brown

Hell's Kitchen is tough because there's a lot of language. That show now carries the expectation that you'll hear lots and lots of bleeps. We don't cut things out, we ask the producer to do it. But sometimes it comes down to an ultimatum: 'Either you edit it or the network will, and that won't be pretty.'"

A Greenville native, Brown earned a BFA in acting from ECU, where she met future husband **Chadwin Clayton Brown '98**, who also earned an acting degree. He has worked as an actor in New York and is in trying to get a film script he wrote produced in Los Angeles. He recently received his masters in psychology and is working at a psychiatric hospital as a marriage and family therapist intern. Their first child was born in August.

After graduation, she spent three years in New York working in films and theater, including a short film called *Sweet Union* with fellow ECU alumnus **Beth Grant**. But the New York grind convinced Brown that the business side of chasing work wasn't for her.

Brown moved to Los Angeles and landed a temporary job at Fox, which eventually turned into the full time job she has now. She recently earned a master's in psychology from Phillips Graduate Institute, with the intent of someday becoming a marriage and family therapist. But Brown has no plans to give up the day job anytime soon.

"It's fun. I'm basically watching TV for a living, on-set. And it can be relatively laid-back, except for those times when you're on the button—and depending on which producer you're working with."

—David Menconi

Update your e-mail

The Alumni Association hosts hundreds of events across the country. Our events are great ways to reconnect with the university and meet fellow Pirates in your area. If you are not currently receiving e-mails from the Alumni Association, please send us

your correct e-mail address so that you can receive information on upcoming events in your area. Call 800-ECU-GRAD or e-mail Alumni@PirateAlumni.com.

Networking events

The Alumni Association will continue offering networking events across the Pirate Nation this fall. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Pirates while staying connected with your university. Networking breakfasts are \$5 for Alumni Association members and \$10 for nonmembers. Check PirateAlumni.com for dates and locations.

Raleigh Alumni Networking Breakfast
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7:30–9:00 a.m.

Alumni Lunch and Learn

Exchange business cards with fellow Pirates, enjoy lunch out on the town, and listen to topic experts share advice on subjects including "Developing Your Personal and Professional Networks," "Pirate Entrepreneurs," "Financial Fitness for Alumni," and "De-mystifying College Admissions." Lunch and Learn programs will be held in Greenville, Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro this fall and in spring 2011. Lunch and Learn programs are \$10 for Alumni Association members and \$15 for nonmembers. Price includes lunch. Visit PirateAlumni.com for details and to register.

"Financial Fitness for Alumni with Len Rhodes '82 '89 and Mark Weitzel"
Thursday, Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
City Hotel and Bistro, Greenville, N.C.

Viewing parties

Each year Alumni Association regional contacts host viewing parties where fellow Pirates gather together to cheer on the ECU football team. If you are an East Carolina Alumni Association or ECU Pirate Club member, you will have the chance to win ECU goodies during half-time.

Viewing parties will be hosted in:

Arlington, Va.	Jacksonville, Fla.
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Atlanta, Ga.	Memphis, Tenn.
Baltimore, Md.	New York City, N.Y.
Burlington, N.C.	Raleigh, N.C.
Charlotte, N.C.	Richmond, Va.
Dunn, N.C.	Virginia Beach, Va.
Fayetteville, N.C.	Winter Park, Fla.
Fredericksburg, Va.	Washington, D.C.
Greenville, S.C.	

Additional locations might be added. If you live in one of these areas, look for an e-mail that provides information on how to register and attend your local viewing party.

Take a Pirate Voyage

Cultivate your passion for learning through travel on a Pirate Voyage to Ireland, on a Mayan cruise, or throughout the Mediterranean. The Alumni Association has partnered with GO NEXT to offer ECU alumni and friends opportunities to travel the world with fellow Pirates at affordable rates.

Ireland: Dublin and Kilarney, Sept. 17–25, 2010

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“Rose and I have truly been proud to be members of the Alumni Association. As a former ECU student-athlete, and parents of a former student-athlete, it has provided us the opportunity to meet new friends, grow in the ECU family, and be part of the ever growing Pirate Nation. Thanks Alumni Association for keeping us informed! What a great team! Go Pirates!”

Reggie '77 and Rose Pinkney, parents of Patrick Pinkney '08, '10

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

2009

CASEY MARIE BALANCE wed Jason Allen Martin at Rose Hill Plantation in Nashville on Feb. 27. She is a personal trainer at the Wilson YMCA. **RACHEL GAFFNEY** joined Media Partners Inc. in Raleigh as an account coordinator. She was the local sales manager for University Directories in Greenville. **DANIEL GRAY**, a staff accountant with Pittard Perry & Crone Inc. in the Goldsboro office, earned the Certified Public Accountant designation. Air Force Airman 1st Class **MARGARET S. HALEY** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. **JOHN HARRELL**, a staff accountant with Pittard Perry & Crone Inc. in the La Grange office, earned the Certified Public Accountant designation. Army Spec. **SHETINA DEJA-BROOK JAMES** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. **DANA MURPHY** is the public relations coordinator for Media Matters Inc., a marketing agency in Lexington.

2008

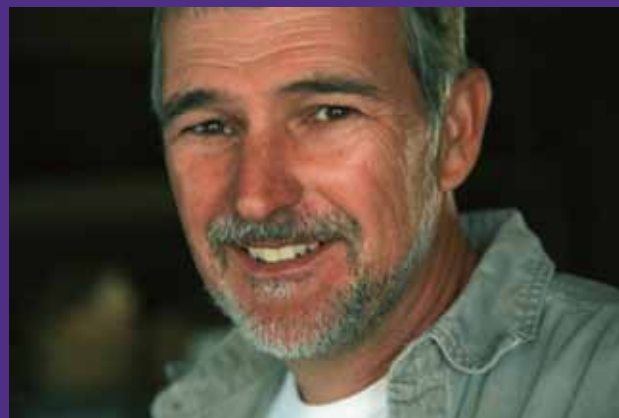
KIMREY ISLEY is an account executive with ONLINE Information Services Inc. in Greenville. **LANCE A. PARKER**, a staff accountant with Pittard Perry & Crone Inc. in the La Grange office, earned the Certified Public Accountant designation. **ALLISON LYNN WILKINS** was appointed magistrate of Wake County. She lives in Raleigh.

2007

COREY BASS '07 '08 is director of football operations at Elon College. He was marketing assistant for ISP Sports on the Elon campus. **NICOLE BETSCHMAN** '07 '09 was named 2010 Woman of the Year by the Pirate Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. She works for Easter Seals UCP at UNC Chapel Hill and teaches online for the University of Phoenix. **AMBER KRISTEN WHITLEY** '07 '09 wed Gregory Ryan Ellis on Jan. 16 in Walstonburg. She is a speech-language pathologist with the Pitt County Schools.

2006

KATHRYN MARIE BEDSOLE '06 wed **RUSSELL CARLISLE WICKER** '05 on Apr. 17 at Yankee Hall Plantation in Greenville. She is a human resources compliance analyst at Bank of America, and he is an account manager with Insight Global, Inc., in Charlotte. **EMILY JOHNSON** wed **NATHAN SAUERS** in Billings, Mont., on Feb. 28. She is a doctoral candidate in bioenergetics and exercise science at ECU, and he is vice president of business development at HFMI in Williamston. **MICHAEL MCDERMOTT** rejoined Evolve Inc. in Greenville as senior Web developer overseeing Web development and programming for the advertising agency. He



Fred Miller '81 had no idea what "community supported agriculture" was when he read an article in the Raleigh paper about it, but the concept of creating buyers' co-ops linking consumers and local farmers sounded like the life-changing, career-changing opportunity he wanted. After almost 20 years selling office equipment, Miller was burned out on the business grind. He turned to his wife, **Virginia Rowland Miller**, and said, "This is what I want to do."

Luckily for Miller, his wife and her two sisters had inherited some farmland in southern Wake County near the community of Willow Springs. Miller carved out 35 acres to create Hilltop Farms, Wake County's first and only USDA-certified grower of organic produce. The Millers live in the farmhouse that Virginia's grandparents built in 1921. Her sisters live within sight in their own houses, and cousins live up and down the road on a tract that's been in the family since the 1750s. Virginia and Fred met at ECU; she later graduated from UNC Greensboro.

Transitioning from copier salesman to farmer was difficult. "We had one little tractor," Miller says. "I didn't have any help, any know-how, any facilities." For the first three years, he farmed after work and on weekends. His first buyers' co-op had only two members but this year it's up to around 175.

Now in its ninth year, Hilltop Farm is producing more than 40 varieties of organic fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs. The produce is sold at the farm and distributed to members weekly at drop-off locations around Raleigh and Cary. Members pay \$475 in advance, which Miller uses as seed money for that year's crops. During the growing season, members are treated to several social events at the farm. The farm also supplies produce to Eastern Carolina Organics, a farmer-owned cooperative that sells to retailers and restaurants. Hilltop Farm produce is exclusively featured at Café Harmony, a trendy new restaurant on Creedmore Road that claims to be Raleigh's first totally organic restaurant.

Miller sells to the public on Wednesdays at the Downtown Raleigh Farmers Market and on Saturdays at the market in Holly Springs.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



The United Way of the Coastal Empire in Savannah, Ga., honored its outgoing chairman, **Steve Eagle** '81, for leading this year's record-setting campaign drive that netted \$8.1 million from 31,000 donors and 700 companies. Eagle, executive vice president of insurance brokerage firm Seacrest Partners and a pillar of Savannah's civic life, then turned to his next undertaking as chair of this year's fundraising campaign for the Georgia Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. His

previous service to the Savannah community includes leading the Red Cross, the Savannah Sports Council and the Savannah Yacht Club. Eagle joined Jefferson-Pilot Insurance Co. a year after graduation and went on to manage J-P offices in Baltimore, Atlanta, Charlotte, Jacksonville and Los Angeles. He joined Palmer & Cay in 1992 as leader of the firm's employee benefit practice in Savannah. He is regarded as an expert in designing analytics-driven cost-containment strategies for medical, dental and prescription benefit plans.

Courtesy The Daily Reflector



About 60 players and friends from the football teams of the early 1960s arranged a surprise party at Greenville's Brook Valley Country Club this spring honoring former coach **Odell Welborn** (right). Beginning in 1960, Welborn coached track, then football and

later taught for many years in the College of Health and Human Performance, taking emeritus status in 1992. When Clarence Stasavich suffered a heart attack after the fourth game of the 1963 season, Welborn took the reins and led the Pirates to six straight wins and to a victory in the Eastern Bowl. Stasavich recovered and, with Welborn at his side, the Pirates went on to win two consecutive Tangerine Bowls. Among those arranging the event were Hall of Famers **Bill Cline** (with Welborn in photo) and **Dave Anderson**, 1963 co-captain **Richard Huneycutt** '64, **Dave Alexander** '66, **Dink Mills** '66 '76, **Ted Day** '66, **Dave Bumgarner** '66 '71 '82 and **Skipper Duke** '64. Also there was **Earline Leggett**, who was the football office secretary for many years.

was an implementation engineer for Coremetrics, a Web analytics service provider, in San Mateo, Calif. **MOLLIE MCKEITHAN**, fourth-grade teacher at South Greenville Elementary School, was named the 2010-11 Pitt County Teacher of the Year.

2005

SARAH ELIZABETH GAJAN wed David Frank Weir Jr. on May 1 in Greenville where she works for Aldridge and Southerland Realtors. **MEGAN OWREY GARNER** '05 '07 is administrator of the Moore County grants program in the Department of Public Works. She was clerk to the Moore County Board of Commissioners. **ERIKA LEE VARNER RUSSELL** '05 wed **STEVEN TRAVIS RUSSELL** '03 on Nov. 22 in Charleston, S.C.

2004

JACK METCALF had a solo exhibit, "Maybe Something, Maybe Nothing," at the Oglethorpe Gallery in Savannah, Ga., featuring 40 new works. He attends graduate school at the University of Montana.

2003

ANNIE BHAIJAN is director of the Kids Care program at Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville, S.C. **LAUREN BOWERS**, eighth-grade math teacher at C.M. Eppes Middle School in Greenville, was one of four finalists for Pitt County



Teacher of the Year. **ALLEN C. SMITH** was named president and CEO of the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina. He was senior vice president for the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber. In 2009, he was selected by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives as one

of its "Top 40 under 40."

2002

MICHAEL C. AHO received the Most Distinguished Alumni Award from the ECU School of Communication. He served on the CommCrew board and is a member of the College of Fine Arts and Communication Advancement Council. **NICOLE L. CERIMELE** was promoted to executive director of KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) in New York City. **SHANNON MARIE ORTIZ HICKMAN** wed Dr. Robert Hickman on Feb. 20 in Atlanta, Ga. She teaches in the Cobb County public schools in Georgia. **DANA LYNNETTE REASON** '02 wed **TIMOTHY WARREN EVANS** '99 on May 1 in Raleigh. She is the owner of Dana L Skincare & Cosmetics, and he is a financial advisor with Raymond James and Newbridge Bank Investment Services in Wilmington.

2001

WHITNEY MEREDITH WILSON OAKLEY, principal of Sylvan Elementary School, is the 2010



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Principal of the Year in Alamance County. She was awarded the "40 Leaders Under 40," award by the Bryan School of Business at UNC Greensboro where she is completing a PhD in educational leadership.

2000

KENGIE RAY BASS received his EdD in educational leadership and policy from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education. He received the prestigious Arville V. Wheeler Prize awarded to a graduate student who has excelled in the Peabody doctoral program with preference given to a student in secondary education administration. He is the youngest high school administrator holding a doctoral degree in the Wake County Public School System, the nation's 18th largest. **CORINEE WOOTEN GUY** '00 '02 received her PhD in English from the University of Kansas. She teaches in the ECU English department. **MARY RUTH DAVIS SIKES** '00 '01 and husband, Brad, had a son, Davis Michael, on Jan. 25.

1999

SHANA L. BEAVIN is the legislative director for Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah. She was his senior legislative assistant. Dr. **SHANNON DOWLER**, a family medicine physician, joined the medical staff at Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville. In addition, she

is the medical director of Blue Ridge Community Health Services in Hendersonville. Dr. **YAQOOB MOHYUDDIN** '99 '03, a fellow in cardiology at the Hazleton (Pa.) Health and Wellness Center, recently became board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease.

1997

ALLISON M. PRIEST '97 '09 joined the Southeastern Health Center of Clarkton as a family nurse practitioner. She had worked for Southeastern Regional Medical Center for 11 years in a number of areas, including intensive care, pre- and postanesthesia care, and cardiac catheterization lab.

1996

DROCK VINCENT joined Heritage Plank Floors as chief financial officer and vice president for sales dividing his time between Greenville, N.C., and Charleston, S.C. He was in banking for 10 years.

1995

LAURA SABATINO, a physical therapist, joined Gentiva home health of Salisbury as the therapy team leader. She is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist, teaches water aerobics at the YMCA, and helps coach the Cabarrus County Special Olympics. **STEVE** '95 and **OLIVIA** '97 '98 **SALTER** had

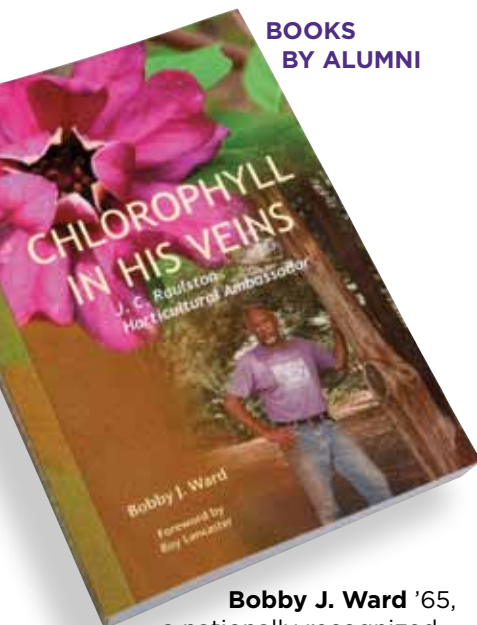
The ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation announced the following new members: **BARBARA BREMER** '83 of Greenville is a retired speech-language pathologist in the public school system, Headstart programs, nursing homes and numerous community organizations. **YONNIE BUTLER** '87 of Mebane is a business development director for the N.C. Biotechnology Center. **BRENDA HUMIENNY** '79 of New Bern is a certified financial planner specializing in retirement and estate planning. **ROB JONES** '78 of Greenville is president and CEO of the little bank in Greenville. Dr. **GREG NELSON** '86 of Rocky Mount is a physician at Rocky Mount Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Center. **JOE TART** '69 of Dunn is an attorney at Joseph L. Tart Attorneys in Dunn and serves on the ECU Board of Visitors and, in 2008, was an Honor Society Inductee for Phi Kappa Phi.

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BOOKS BY ALUMNI

Bobby J. Ward '65, a nationally recognized horticulturist, is out with a new book, this one a profile of the man who created one of North Carolina's botanical treasures, the J.C. Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, an eight-acre oasis filled with more than 5,000 types of trees, shrubs and other plants well-suited to the Piedmont weather. It's the creation of a professor of horticulture at N.C. State University who was arguably the most influential figure in American gardening during the last half of the 20th century. A native of eastern North Carolina, Ward completed an undergraduate degree in biology at ECU before studying under Raulston for his master's and doctorate. Ward says Raulston seemed to have chlorophyll in his veins, which makes an appropriate title for the book. Order copies from the author's web site, www.bobbyjward.com.

Principal of the Year in Alamance County. She was awarded the "40 Leaders Under 40" award by the Bryan School of Business at UNC Greensboro where she is completing a PhD in educational leadership.

1994

PAUL C. ANDERSON joined Southern Bank as a business development officer in the Greenville and Pitt County area. **KELLY BELTON BERRY** of Wilson is direct sales manager for U.S. Cellular in eastern North Carolina. **MICKEY FOSTER** is the president of Annie Penn Hospital in Reidsville. He was vice president/COO of Maria Parham Medical Center in Henderson. **WILLIAM EARL HENDRICKSON**, a science teacher at Warren New Tech High School in Warrenton, received \$175,000 through the Career Awards for Science and Mathematics Teachers grant program, which is designed to support and encourage the work of science and mathematics teachers in North Carolina. He was selected as Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010 by Warren New Tech High School and Warren County Schools. In 2009 he was chosen as a Nobel Educator of Distinction. **CAROL JONES SHIELDS '94 '00** was the grand prize winner of the 1st Annual Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park Chili Cook-Off. She developed her Roanoke River Chili recipe using eastern NC products, including venison, home-grown tomatoes and roasted peppers, a locally-produced red wine, and a locally-harvested honey. She is a community trainer and consultant in Scotland Neck. **CHRIS WILLIAMS** was promoted to branch manager of Horizon Forest Products and Long Floor in Chesapeake, Va.

1993

WESLEY M. MEASAMER CPA '93 '95 was appointed to the board of directors of Flanders Corp. He is president of Wesley M. Measamer, CPA PA.

1992

MARY CHRISTINE WILSON AVENT was promoted to senior woman administrator in the UNC-Greensboro athletic department. **S. SCOTT LEWIS P.G.** was certified as a professional geologist. He is a geologist with the Virginia Department of Transportation. **DANIEL PAUL POWERS JR. '92 '94** wed Angelic Catherine McLawhorn on Apr. 17 in Greenville. He was named commercial banker of the year at Southern Bank & Trust where he is senior vice president in the Pitt County Commercial Business Unit in Greenville. **CHARLIE LEE TINGEN JR.** was appointed to the board of directors of Flanders Corp. He is a senior financial advisor with Bengala and Tingen, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. **MARY W. WILLIS** was named president and CEO of Fidelity Bank in Fuquay-Varina. She was Fidelity's CFO since 1999 and oversaw the bank's new trust management division.

1989

D. EDWARD KELLER JR. was promoted to full colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

1988

MIKE HARDEE is the superintendent of Hyde Correctional Institution in Swan Quarter. He was the administrator at Carteret Correctional Institution. **DEBORAH SUTTON** is vice president of administrative services at Lenoir Community College. She was the chief financial officer there.

1987

LEN FARRIS of Andover, Mass., was promoted to vice president of marketing for the Americas at Pentax Medical Company, in the medical surgical industry. He served eight years in the Air Force before beginning his medical surgical business career.

1986

Dr. **FRED ASHLEY WHITE** of Ocala, Fla., was elected to the governing board and became a trustee for the Archaeological Institute of America. For two decades, he has been researching ancient diseases and their initial presentations for prevention of future pandemic plagues.

1985

RICHARD "RICH" BLAKEMORE joined BEM Interactive in Greensboro as an internet marketing specialist. He owned Rich's Web Design in Kernersville. **RACHEL DAVIS** exhibited her tropical paintings at the Cape Fear Studios in Wilmington. **MICHAEL W. GILCHRIST** was named deputy commander of the N.C. Highway Patrol and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. **J. GOODLET MCDANIEL** was selected as the full-time associate provost for distance education at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. He was half-time associate provost for distance education and associate dean for business development for the College of Health and Human Services at George Mason.

1983

Dr. **JO ALLEN**, Widener University senior vice president and provost, coedited a book on technical communication, *Assessment in Technical and Professional Communication*, and wrote one of the chapters. Dr. **GLENN DUNLAP '83** and Mrs. **PAT DUNLAP '84** of Pinehurst celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Apr. 14. They own Pinehurst Foot Specialist, where he practices podiatry, and she manages the business. **PATRICIA M. KALDY MD** became medical director of the Northeast Region of the Carolinas HealthCare System Urgent Care clinics. **SHEILA KILPATRICK** of Virginia Beach, Va., self-published the children's book, *Anastasia Pickering, Anastasia's Rain*, which received a "Mom's Choice Awards" in the area of children's picture books.

1982

CONNIE WALLACE CHESTON, Pitt County Schools K-12 mathematics instruction coordinator, received the Outstanding Administrator Award for 2010 from the N.C. Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center. She is working on a master's in education at ECU. Brig. Gen. **WILLIAM MARK FAULKNER** USMC was assigned as the vice chairman J-4 (logistics) at the Pentagon in



Faulkner

Washington, D.C. He was the commanding general 3rd Marine logistics group in Okinawa, Japan. Other ECU graduates include his wife, **JANET ETTER FAULKNER '82**, brother, **MICHAEL FAULKNER '96 '98**, and sister, **KELLY WARE '87**. One daughter, **KATHERINE FAULKNER**, is in the ECU College of Education.

1981

DAVID B. JENKINS JR. is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Clinton. He was with Edward Jones in Wilmington as a financial advisor. **RANDY KEITH LANGLEY** was named sales manager for Monumental Life Insurance in Greenville.

1980

ELLEN NEAL FISHBURNE wed **JEFF TRENT TRIPLETT** on May 2 in Statesville. He was deployed to Iraq with the NC Army National Guard and now works for The COGAR Group, Ltd., as a liaison with the National Guard Bureau's Chaplain Accession program. She is an artist and the owner of Select Creations. **GLENDIA HARRIS '80 '04** of Greenville was named an Outstanding Elementary Math Teacher by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the state's largest organization for math teachers. She teaches third grade at W.H. Robinson Elementary School in Winterville.

1979

PHIL HODGES was appointed to the board of directors of Flanders Corp. He is the founder and current president and CEO of Metrics Inc., a contract pharmaceutical development company in Greenville.



Turner

ROY DAVIS TURNER JR., athletic director at Ashley High School in Wilmington, was named the National Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Sports and Physical Education. He was the Southern Region nominee and one of five finalists across the country nominated for this distinguished award. In 2009, he was also named Athletic Director of the Year by the N.C. High School Athletic Association and the NC Athletic Director Association. In December 2009, he received the Frank Kovalski award from the



Christopher J. King '96 was named by the *Washington Business Journal* as one of the top minority business leaders in the nation's capital. King is senior director of grants and communications for the Washington Hospital Center Foundation, where he manages a \$3 million philanthropic portfolio and produces more than \$8 million in project proposals annually. In his job he collaborates with foundations,

corporations and local and federal governments to create innovative health services that increase access to care and improve the quality of care for residents of the Washington metropolitan area.

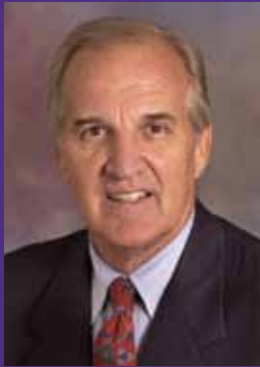
King serves on several nonprofit boards and is a lecturer at the University of Maryland School of Public Health. He has taught in public schools and managed an assortment of private and federal community health programs. Cumulatively, King has written more than \$10 million in funded grants for multiple health services organizations in the region. He has published papers on health disparities, HIV epidemiology and primary care access. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

After graduating from ECU with a degree in health and human performance, King received a master's of health science from Towson University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Maryland College Park. His research interests include leadership in health care, primary care, electronic and personal medical records, health inequities/ social justice, health care reform and philanthropy.



Michael W. Gilchrist '85 was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. In that position he is the No. 2 person in the department. "Lieutenant Gilchrist has excelled in various facets of the organization and will bring a solid core of leadership and management skills," said Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Reuben Young. Gilchrist, a native of Plymouth, began his career in 1986 when he was first assigned to Troop B, District I, in Fayetteville. He was promoted to sergeant in 1996, first sergeant in 1999, lieutenant in 2002, captain in 2003 and major in 2008.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Retiring Elon University administrator and former school football coach Dr. **Jerry Tolley** '65 '66, who already is in the NAIA and East Carolina sports halls of fame, was inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame in June. His Elon teams won back-to-back NAIA national championships in 1980 and '81 and were runners-up in 1978. As coach there from 1977 to 1981, he compiled a 49-11-2 record. After obtaining his Ph.D. from UNC Greensboro, he left coaching to

become an Elon administrator and professor, most recently serving as director of annual giving. He raised alumni giving from 15 percent of graduates to 46 percent, an effort that paid for the school's new Rhodes Stadium and its elevation to the Southern Conference. He is the current mayor of the town of Elon, his third time in that role. Tolley, from Edenton, was a standout track athlete and played on Clarence Stasavich's football teams as a wingback on offense and as a back on defense. He also was a holder for place kicks. On his first play as a Pirate his sophomore year after redshirting his freshman year, Tolley returned a Richmond kick-off 82 yards for a touchdown. In a key play in the 1964 Tangerine Bowl against Massachusetts, Tolley intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards, setting up an East Carolina touchdown. He set East Carolina records for most interceptions in a game, career kickoff return yardage and the overall highest season kick returns. He still holds the ECU record for the longest kickoff return, a 92-yarder against Western Carolina in 1963. Tolley and his wife, Joanie, underwrite an annual teaching award for the College of Health and Human Performance in the name of former ECU swim coach Ray Martinez.



Laura Elliot

Alumni honorees inducted recently into the ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi include **Ronnie P. Barnes** '75, vice president of medical services for the New York Giants; **Michael J. Bunting** '61, founder and president of RubberMill, a manufacturer and fabricator of rubber and fiber components in Liberty, N.C.; and **Laura L. Elliot** '66, a retired senior accountant for the U.S. Department of the Treasury who was the first African-American graduate of ECU.

National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (NIAAA) for his contributions to professional development in leadership training. He was appointed to a three-year term on the NIAAA Board beginning in 2010.

1978

BARRY F. MITSCH published *Mind Over Mutter: 199 Practical Tips for Giving Great Presentations*. He is the co-founder of The Pyramid Resource Group and has provided training and resources for speakers since 1989. **CHRIS AUSTIN SUMRELL** of Jasper, Ga., was named director of program groups for the USA and Canada for Honeywell Friction Materials, where he has worked for 27 years.

1977

CARY GODETTE is director of football administration at ECU. He coached most recently at Rutgers in New Jersey and Florida International. He played defensive line for four seasons with the ECU Pirates, earning honorable mention recognition from The Associated Press in 1975 and 1976. He began his coaching career at ECU, and one of his first players to coach was **RUFFIN MCNEILL** '80, ECU's current head coach. **JOYCE HEWETT THOMPSON**, educator and chair of the science department at First Flight Middle School in Dare County, was recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for demonstrating dedication, leadership, and excellence in educational services. **GEORGE "BUD" VICK JR.** '77 '84 retired as vice president of operations and administrative services at Lenoir Community College. **BILLY WOOTEN**



Wooten

is executive director of program operations at Experience Works Inc., a nonprofit training and employment organization for older workers. He was state director of Experience Works Inc. in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. **JERRY YELENIK** '77 '91 is the senior vice president and senior commercial relationship manager of Community South Bank & Trust in Anderson, S.C.

1976

CEDRIC DICKERSON was appointed to a three-year term on New Hanover County's ABC Board. He owns the State Farm Agency in Wilmington. **CLIFTON W. KIRBY** is regional sales manager for Powell Electrical Systems Inc., where he handles sales of electrical switchgear and field services in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and northern Georgia. He previously worked for Emerson, Square D Company/Schneider Electric, and Westinghouse.

1975

BRENT FUNDERBURK exhibited "New Spin," seven new watercolor and acrylic works, at the River Gallery in Chattanooga, Tenn. He has taught art at Mississippi State University since 1982. Maj. Gen.



WILLIAM L. HOLLAND will retire Dec. 1 as commander, 9th Air Force, Air Combat Command, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. After receiving his commission through the ECU ROTC program, he commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and served in several joint and Air Staff assignments, including Combined Forces Command/United Nation Command, South Korea; Headquarters U.S. Atlantic Command; Headquarters U.S. Central Command; and the NATO Balkans Combined Air Operations Center during the Operation Allied Force Kosovo air campaign and Joint Task Force 170, Haiti.

1974

JOAN FULP of El Granada, Calif., teaches physical education in Half Moon Bay, Calif. **DARRELL HARRISON** '74 '79, who owns Document Solutions East in Greenville, for the third consecutive year received Xerox Corporation's President's Club designation, which recognizes the top-producing Xerox agencies in the U.S.

1973

JIM WADE exhibited his painting and sculpture at the Upstairs Gallery at the University of South Carolina/Sumter.

1971

RICHARD BENNETT '71 and his wife, **SARAH MATTHEWS BENNETT** '72, have opened their second rehabilitation facility in the Triad, the Shannon Gray Rehabilitation & Recovery Center in Jamestown. They also own and operate the GrayBrier Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Archdale. **DONALD WAYNE MILLS** of Greenville was recognized as the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce. He was also appointed to the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees. He is retired as plant manager of NACCO Materials Handling Group Inc. in Greenville.

1969

DOUG BYRD joined the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce as a part-time liaison between local government officials and the chamber. **MICHAEL**

ATWOOD of Vero Beach, Fla., joined Whitehall, an affiliate of Croom Construction Co., as vice president/division manager of its new professional property management division.

1960

JOHN COLLINS SYKES JR. was inducted into the Twin County Hall of Fame in Rocky Mount and was grand marshal of the Christmas Parade. After 30 years he retired from directing junior and senior high bands. His band performed for two presidential inaugurations (Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush), two Orange Bowls, the Tournaments of Roses, the Lord Mayor's Parade in London, England, and in Carnegie Hall. His bands won three Grand National Championships.

1948

DOROTHY MARIE BENNETT BONNER and William Russell Bonner of Edward in Beaufort County celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May. Mrs. Bonner is a retired educator who taught in county schools for 30 years.

East Carolina has sent many players into the NFL in recent years but perhaps none with as heartwarming story as **Kwaku Danso** '09, the kid from Ghana who had never played football until he became a Pirate. Danso signed a free agent contract with the Cleveland Browns and was expected to make the taxi squad.

Danso, who is 6 foot 5 and weighs 336 pounds, came to America hoping to play college basketball on a scholarship, but when that didn't work out he stayed on. He worked three jobs to earn tuition money and had to save for years before he enrolled at East Carolina. He tried out for football and his innate athleticism overcame his lack of experience. He became a second-string defensive back as a walk-on. But without a scholarship, he ran out of money and had to drop out to work. In two years on the team he played in only three games. He turned 28 in the spring and graduated with a degree in construction management.

Defensive tackle **Linval Joseph** was the No. 46 selection in the NFL draft and was taken in the second round by the New York Giants. The Giants also took punter **Matt Dodge** in the seventh



Kwaku Danso

round with the 221st overall pick. It's the first time a Pirate punter has been drafted. Defensive end **C.J. Wilson** '10 was taken by the Green Bay Packers in the seven the round of the draft as the

230th overall pick.

Three other Pirates were undrafted but signed free agency contracts. Running back **Dominique Lindsay** signed with the Tennessee Titans but was

injured during rookie camp and likely won't play this year. Center **Sean Allen** '09 signed with the Buffalo Bills; defensive tackle **Jay Ross** '09 signed with the New Orleans Saints.



RUTH MITCHELL PAGE ARMSTRONG '24 died Mar. 7 in Gastonia at 96. Formerly of Belmont, she taught for 30 years at East Belmont Elementary School, which was later named for her late husband, J. B. Page, who was principal.

1920s

1930s

MARY ALICE HUBBARD '32 of Raleigh died May 1 at 96. She taught in Green County schools prior to her marriage to Earle Colvin Hubbard in 1935. **EDNA S. JOHNSON** '30 '58 of Magnolia died Mar. 8 at 98. She taught elementary school in Duplin, Sampson, Pender, Pasquotank, and Tyrell counties. **LENA JENKINS JOHNSON** '35 died Mar. 19 in Wilmington just shy of her 97th birthday. She was an artist and taught in the Sanford City School System. **RUBY TAYLOR LANE** '33 of Chocowinity died May 9 at 97. A teacher and a businesswoman, she worked with her late husband, Herman, at the family business, Faro Milling Co. **JANET MAYO PEARSALL** '37 '40 of Apex died May 5 at 91. She taught in the Harnett County School System for 48 years. **HELEN LEWIS EURE WILLEY** '35 of Gates died Mar. 4 at 97. For 37 years she taught elementary school in Eure, Aulander, Sumbury, and Gatesville, retiring in 1976.

1940s

CELIA BLANCHE DAIL '42 of Washington, D.C., died Feb. 9. She was a teacher and counselor at Jefferson and Alice Deal junior high schools before becoming a guidance counselor at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she spent more than 20 years before retiring in the mid-1980s. **SARAH DARLENE STEPHENSON DUPREE** '40 of Angier died Mar. 3 at 93. She taught school in Mount Airy, Fuquay-Varina, and Coats for more than 30 years. **ZENAS ELBERT FEARING SR.** '49 of Portsmouth, Va., died May 1. He played quarterback and defensive back at ECU. At Perquimans High School in Hertford, he taught and coached for three years where his baseball teams won two state championships as well as numerous Conference Championships in men's and women's sports. He also coached a Little League (Teener) team to a National Championship in Hershey, Pa., in 1953. In 2001, he was inducted into the Perquimans County Sports Hall of Fame. In 1986, he retired from teaching at Deep Creek High School, Chesapeake, Va. **EVELYN J. HEIDENREICH** '44 of Goldsboro died May 3. She worked for the Pitt County Department of Social Services and retired as a quality control coordinator with the N.C. State Division of Social Services. **ROSEBUD GAYLORD ROBERTS**

MCCALLISTER '42 of Greenville died Mar. 30. She taught school and worked as an air traffic control operator during WW II. **ANNE JUDSON WOODY RICE** '47 of Durham died Mar. 27. She retired from the staff of Medical Sciences Teaching Labs at UNC Medical School in 1990.

1950s

GAITHER DELANO CLINE '55 of Gastonia died Mar. 28. He taught and coached at Williamston High School in Williamston for one year before returning to Gastonia where he taught and coached at Ashley High School and at Ashbrook High School for 32 years until he retired in 1989. **BARBARA COGHILL GOODRICH** '55 of Henderson died Jan. 30. She taught in North Carolina, Maryland, and Virginia. **CLARENCE COLE "BUCK" KNOTTS II** '56 of Laurinburg died Mar. 22. For 27 years he was a teacher, coach, and administrator in Scotland County schools. **ROBERT "BOB" AUBREY MANESS** '53 of Salisbury died Mar. 1. He earned his ROTC Commission at ECU and served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1946 to 1959. He worked with Standard Register Company for 35 years before retiring in Peoria, Ill., after which he and his wife, Peggy Maness, moved to Salisbury, where he was active in local organizations. **MARGARET FLEMING MORGAN** '54 '80 of Farmville died Apr. 19. She taught math and science in the Pitt County schools for more than 30 years. **JAMES CLAUDIS "RED" MORRIS** '58 of Greenville died Apr. 11. He was a pitcher and third baseman on the ECU baseball team. He was a teacher and coach in Plymouth for more than 40 years. Avid Pirate fans, he and his wife donated to Athletic Educational Scholarships, fed the ECU cheerleaders, and traveled with the Pirates for many years. **LINWOOD WAYNE MCKINNEY** '57 of Newport News, Va., died Mar. 31. He began as a researcher at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which later became the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). During his early career, he conducted wind tunnel tests of advanced aircraft models and later was assistant division chief. He was also a manager of aeronautical test facilities at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. During his 38-year career, he made numerous contributions to the field of aeronautical research. **MARTHA BYRD PAQUETTE** '54 of Dracut, Mass., died Mar. 16. She taught elementary school in Billerica, Mass. **ANNIE MOORE PINER** '51 of Marshallberg died Mar. 29. She taught in the Carteret and Craven county school systems for 33 years. **ROBERTA LOUISE PATTON TEAGUE** '56 of Charlotte died Jan. 13. After obtaining an MA from Peabody, she taught visually impaired children in Charlotte at the first school for the visually impaired in the state outside of Raleigh. **MILDRED "MILLIE"**

VAN VOORHIS '55 of Greenville, S.C., died Feb. 18. She taught in public schools in North Carolina and Georgia. She developed South Carolina's first international adoption program and later was a social worker. **JACK LINWOOD WINDLEY JR.** '57 of Red Oak died Apr. 7. He worked for N.C. Vocational Rehabilitation for one year before moving to Virginia in 1958 where he worked for the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services until retiring in 1991.

1960s

STEWART PHINIZY BARRETT JR. '69 of Augusta, Ga., died Apr. 3. He was a retired chemistry and physics teacher at Lucy Laney High School in Savannah. **MARILYN HOOK BEST** '69 of Bessemer City died Apr. 21. She retired from Cleveland Regional Hospital in Shelby. She served on the Bessemer City Council for 10 years and was mayor. **WILLIAM CALVIN BRILEY** '64 '67 of Morehead City died Mar. 30. After serving for 21 years in the U.S. Air Force, he taught at Barton College for 18 years before retiring. **MARCIA S. DEMILLE** '67 of Virginia Beach, Va., died May 12. She taught home-bound students in the Virginia Beach School System for several years. **RUTH PHARR FAUCETT** '69 of Albemarle Beach died Feb. 25. She taught in North Carolina and Virginia schools, retiring from the Washington County School System after 28 years in Plymouth. **JAMES EDWARD FODRIE JR.** '64 of Beaufort died Feb. 24. He taught and coached in the Carteret County School System and was a principal in the Onslow County School System. **CLINTON VAN HESTER** '69 of Raleigh died Apr. 14. A Marine Corps officer, he served in Vietnam, where he received a Purple Heart; Okinawa and on the Polaris Missile base in Charleston, S.C. Later he worked at Miller Brewing Co, Syracuse, N.Y.; Cooper Tools in Cary; and at Pendum Inc., Raleigh. **CARL EDWIN MALPASS** '60 of Wilmington died Feb. 21. After 22 years, he retired from Cape Fear Technical Institute in Wilmington where he was a guidance counselor, financial aid director, and dean of students. **GARLAND "RAY" MOZINGO** '62 of Goldsboro died Apr. 6. He was a teacher and then worked for Wachovia Bank. **WILLIAM AUBRON "BILL" STOTT** '61 died Mar. 7 in Nashville. Formerly of Sims, he taught for 32 years and served on the Sims City Council for many years. **GLENN ELLIOTT WEBB** '61 of Gatesville died Apr. 28. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was retired from the Virginia Beach Public School System.

1970s

LAN BLACKWELL '71 of Kinston died Feb. 1. In 2006, he retired from BASF Inc. in Charlotte. **RONALD EARL "PEDRO" DAVENPORT** '74 of Dover died May 10. He taught in Wilmington;

the American Community Schools in Athens, Greece; Riyadh International School in Saudi Arabia; and H.J. McDonald Middle School in New Bern. As a varsity basketball coach, his teams played in tournaments in Turkey, Egypt, Belgium, Italy, Holland, France, and Greece. **ALAN J. KALAMEJA** '76 of Hanahan, S.C., died Mar. 5. He was the department head for design and construction at Trident Technical College and the author of many textbooks. **RICHARD CLEMENT MOORE JR.** '72 of Wakefield, Va., died Mar. 3. After teaching English briefly in Scotland Neck, he returned in 1969 to Sussex County in his native Virginia, where he had a 33-year career in teaching and school administration. **MARY RUTH NELSON PAUL POTTER** '76 of Beaufort died Mar. 13. She was the librarian at Beaufort Elementary School for 30 years. **MARY ELIZABETH TART WEST** '72 of Charlottesville, Va., died Apr. 14. In Virginia, she taught for 30 years in Fluvanna County and Charlottesville city schools.

1980s

SUE ANNE DEVOE '89 of Camden-Wyoming, Del., died Apr. 15. She taught first and second grade at St. Peter's Catholic School in Greenville. **SANDRA GAIL DITTMAN** '84 of Crestview, Fla., died Feb. 20. After 22 years, she retired from the Florida Department of Corrections in 2007 as a mental health counselor. **ERIC SHAWN "RICK" WEST** '83 of Little River, S.C., died Feb. 21. He was president of West Financial & Little Traders.

1990s

KIMBERLY KATZENBERGER '98 '99 died Mar. 9 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She worked for the Worsley Corp. in Wilmington, N.C. Previously, she was a special education teacher at E. A. Laney High School in Wilmington. Dr. **LINDA BROWN CARTNER MILLER** '99 of Blounts Creek died Mar. 31. She was a child psychiatrist in Beaufort, Martin, and Pamlico counties. **SUSAN "SUSU" BALL REES** '94 of Harkers Island died Apr. 26. She was a mental health counselor. **LINDA DARLEEN BARNARD SMITH** '91 '96 of Belhaven died Apr. 2. She was a librarian with Northeast Elementary School in Pinetown.

2000s

HEATHER NICOLE RICHARDSON GAGNON '06 of LaGrange died Mar. 2. She taught second grade at Moss Hill School. **SARAH ELIZABETH MORTON** '09 of Roxboro died May 13. She taught eighth-grade at Southern Middle School in Roxboro and was National Board Certified. In 2008 she was the Roxboro Jaycees' Outstanding Young Educator. **AMANDA RACHAEL WALL** '06 of Raleigh died Apr. 15.

FACULTY



NICOLE H. ARONSON of Greenville died May 20. A French scholar specializing in 17th-century French society and literature, she taught at ECU from 1970-1995, retiring as faculty emeritus. She formerly taught at Marymount College and American University. She worked for many years at the JOY Soup Kitchen and was a passionate advocate for animal rights, volunteering at the Pitt County Humane Society and later at Saving Graces 4 Felines. She is survived by her former husband, Stuart Aronson, who retired from the Department of Continuing Education in 1990 after 18 years on faculty.

MONIQUE SASKIA HELLENDORF VAN ESSENDELFT '85 '97 of Pantego died Apr. 29. She was a nurse-midwife in Beaufort, Hyde, and Pitt counties and a clinical instructor at ECU.

Dr. **THEODORE KUSHNICK**, formerly of Linden, N.J., died May 1 in Greenville. He was a professor of pediatrics and director of the ECU Developmental Evaluation Center from 1979-1992. He also was a co-founder and director of the UMDNJ Division of Human Genetics, Newark, N.J. During WW II, he served in the Navy.

Dr. **DANIEL WAYNE CRABTREE** of Norfolk, Va., died Feb. 28. He taught at the Brody School of Medicine from 1988-1990.

JANICE KAYE BARGER TOVEY, an associate English professor and chair of the Faculty Senate in 2008 and 2009, died June 12. She was 64. She joined the faculty here in 1993. She was an active member in the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, Society for Technical Communication, and was serving as president of the Council for Programs for Technical and Scientific Communication. Memorials may be made to the Department of English, ECU Foundations Inc., c/o Department of English—Jan Tovey, Greenville Centre, 2200 S. Charles Blvd. Greenville, NC 27858.

Dr. **GEORGE ALEXANDER WEIMER** of Richmond, Va., died Apr. 15. He was on the Brody medical faculty in anesthesiology from 1972-1975.

PATRICIA BENSON MELSON of Mountain Home, Ark., died Mar. 10. She taught home economics at ECU from 1962-1969.

Dr. **IRWIN STANLEY "JOHN" JOHNSRUDE** of Greenville died May 16. In 1978, he joined the ECU medical school faculty after working 13 years at Duke University Medical. He retired as professor emeritus. During his career, he was highly regarded for his academic productivity, medical expertise, drive for excellence, and strong work ethic. In 2002, he received the Silver Medal from the NC chapter of the American College of Radiology for his outstanding work and impact on patients, families, and practitioners. Donations may be made in his honor to the ECU Medical and Health Sciences Foundation (attention: Johnsrude Memorial Gifts), 525 Moye Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834.

MARIE TAYLOR ZINCONE of Greenville died May 12. She was a retired physical therapist and a former assistant clinical professor of physical therapy at the ECU School of Allied Health Sciences. She was the second physical therapist to practice in Pitt County. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Louis Henry "Buddy" Zincone Jr., retired from the ECU College of Business.

STAFF

HILDRED S. BROWN of Greenville, a retired ECU custodian, died Mar. 3.

CAROL HIGNITE of Greenville died May 8. She retired after serving as an administrative assistant in the ECU registrar's office and the Pitt County Health Department.

THOMAS "ROCK" ROGGERMAN, former ECU assistant football coach, died June 14 from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was in his fifth overall season as an assistant coach before stepping down in September 2009.

FRIENDS

ROBERT L. BARKER of Edenton, former state senator representing Wake, Harnett and Lee counties, died June 22. He broke ranks with other Piedmont legislators to support establishing the ECU School of Medicine and worked with Dr. Leo Jenkins, U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan and Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt to get the medical school at ECU and the expansion of Pitt Memorial Hospital that would follow. A real estate appraiser, Barker owned Bob Barker & Associates, Inc. with offices in Edenton and Nags Head prior to retirement in 2006.



The professor of poise

Progressive Era, this was no simple task, but rather a challenge that embraced the paradox of retaining the posture of traditional and proper feminine dependency while fostering the competency and independence that were essential for a teaching career."

Achieving that level of sophistication could be a real pain, as Hanna Cuthrell Brown '17 said in an interview for the Bratton book: "She was a tall, noble-looking woman. She was a widow. When I was there they wouldn't let us come on the hall without stockings on. You couldn't even go to the bathroom without them on. She used to tell the girls that her husband had never seen her naked leg."

On weekends, students who had obtained her permission were allowed to entertain visitors in the residence hall parlor, under her watchful eye. Essie Woolard Clark '14

recalled in an interview that Beckwith "knew where every girl was at all times and looked after us. Every Monday night after supper she kept us in the dining room a while for lessons on etiquette. She wanted us to be 'finished.'" Elizabeth Deal '30 described Beckwith as "a real aristocratic type lady. She wanted all the girls to be that way. If they made the least bit of noise in the dining room, she'd say, 'Now girls, don't do that.' Some of those girls had come from real lowly backgrounds and it didn't hurt them to have that little finish that Mrs. Beckwith tried to give them."

Beckwith retired as lady principal in 1925. In June 1928 the alumnae raised money for a gift to the school in her honor. The result was Beckwith Gateway, the stone pillars guarding the main entrance to campus off Fifth Street.

From its earliest days, East Carolina offered instruction in the social graces, but not in the classroom. That training came in the girl's dorms, where the elegant and austere lady principal, Kate Beckwith, made sure her charges—many just off the farm—learned how to look and act like proper ladies. The child of a blue-blooded Antebellum Richmond family, Beckwith was completing a year as assistant lady principal at the American College of Fine Arts in Florence, Italy, when President Robert Wright hired her in 1909. She exuded sophistication and propriety, as Mary Jo Bratton said in her 1986 book on the university's early history:

"Not only was she charged with guarding [students'] morals and well-being, she was also expected to imbue them with the social graces and maidenly decorum appropriate for a Southern lady in the role of a professional woman. During the

This cartoon from the 1925 *Tecoan* portrays an incoming freshman and a graduating senior.



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As the Spring graduation speaker, retiring UNC President Erskine Bowles says goodbye to the Pirate Nation.

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